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MINUTES.

CHICOTA, LAMAR CO., TEXAS,
October 22, 1896, 10.30 A. M.

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod of the South met according to adjournment, and after a sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. C. E. McDonald, on Col. 1: 28, "Whom we preach," was by him constituted with prayer.

The roll was called as follows, those absent being marked *a*:

ROLL.

ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Rev. M. Oates,
Elder J. H. Oates, Pott's Station,
Rev. J. C. McDonald, *a*
Rev. J. L. Young,
Rev. W. S. Moffatt, *a*
Rev. T. B. Stewart,
Rev. M. T. Ellis,
Rev. G. G. Parkinson,
Elder J. N. Ross, Jacksonville,
Elder C. D. Rowan, Russelville.

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Rev. I. G. McLaughlin, *a*
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Rev. J. E. Pressly, D. D., *a*
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Rev. C. E. McDonald,
Rev. W. Y. Love, *a*
Rev. J. C. Galloway,
Rev. J. S. Moffatt,
Rev. R. M. Stevenson,
Rev. J. C. Boyd, *a*
Rev. A. G. Kirkpatrick, *a*
Rev. J. H. Simpson,
Rev. J. P. Knox,
Rev. E. B. Anderson,
Rev. J. M. Garrison,
Rev. W. C. Ewart,
Rev. J. H. Pressly,
Rev. R. L. Grier, *a*
Elder R. A. Grier, Steele Creek,
Rev. J. A. Smith, *a*
Rev. B. H. Grier,
Rev. Oliver Johnson, *a*
Rev. J. T. Chalmers,
Rev. J. S. Grier, *a*
Rev. J. G. Dale, *a*
Elder R. M. Ranson, Huntersville.

KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY.

Rev. James Boyce,
Rev. W. S. Castles, *a*
Rev. W A. M. Plaxco. *a*

MEMPHIS PRESBYTERY.

Rev. S. A. Agnew, D. D.,
Rev. T. P. Pressly,
Elder E. M. Seale, Ebenezer,
Rev. T. G. Boyce,

Elder L. S. Lancaster, Troy,
Rev. J. G. Miller, *a*
Rev. Peter Bryson, (col'd) *a*
Rev. J. W. Baird,
Elder W. J. Strong, Salem,
Rev. J. P. Erwin,
Rev. W. H. Millen.

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Rev. D. G. Philips, D. D., *a*
Rev. D. F. Haddon, *a*
Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., LL.D.,
Elder W. T. Ellis, Bethlehem,
Rev. S. P. Davis, *a*
Rev. W. L. Pressly, D. D.,
Rev. E. P. McClintock,
Rev. J. E. Martin, *a*
Rev. R. F. Bradley, *a*
Rev. A. L. Patterson,
Rev. E. L. Patton, LL.D., *a*
Rev. Calvin Pressly,
Rev. H. R. McAuley, *a*
Rev. J. L. Hemphill, *a*
Rev. W. W. McMorries, *a*
Rev. J. S. Mills,
Rev. R. E. Patterson, *a*
Rev. J. B. Muse, *a*
Rev. C. S. Young, *a*
*Rev. R. Lathan, D. D.,
Rev. D. W. Reid, *a*
Rev. F. Y. Pressly, D. D., *a*
Rev. D. G. Philips, Jr.,
Rev. O. Y. Bonner,
Elder R. S. Galloway, Due West,
Rev. S. W. Reid,
Rev. R. L. Bell,
Rev. H. B. Blakely,
Rev. J. E. Johnson, *a*
Rev. J. J. Grier, *a*
Rev. T. W. Sloan, *a*
Rev. H. Rabb, *a*
Rev. C. E. Todd, *a*
Rev. J. L. Pressly,
Elder Thos. Hardeman, Ebenezer.

TAMPICO PRESBYTERY.

Rev. Neill E. Pressly, *a*
Rev. Pedro Trujillo, *a*
Rev. Inez Hernandez, *a*
Rev. J. S. A. Hunter, *a*
Rev. John R. Edwards, *a*
Rev. Guadalupe Cruz, *a*
Rev. Francisco Mellado Meza. *a*

TENNESSEE AND ALABAMA PRESBYTERY.

Rev. J. H. Peoples, *a*
Rev. J. A. Lowry,
Rev. H. M. Henry, *a*
Rev. J M. White, *a*
Rev. I. N. Kennedy, *a*
Rev. A. J. Ranson. *a*

TEXAS PRESBYTERY.

*Rev. J. M. Little,
Rev. W. L. Patterson,
Elder T. H. Robinson, Harmony,
Rev. E. E. Patterson, *a*
Rev. E. P. Stewart,
Rev. J. A. Myers, *a*
Elder I. N. Burnett, Milano,
Elder J. J. L. Gill, Chicota.

Commissioner.

W. M. Wilson, Corsicana. *a*

VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY.

Rev. S. W. Haddon, *a*
Rev. E. F. Griffith, *a*
Rev. J. R. McCormick. *a*

*Deceased.

The Rev. C. E. McDonald, with pleasant words, resigned the chair to the Moderator-elect, the Rev. T. G. Boyce, who gracefully invoked the kindly assistance of the Synod in the discharge of the duties of his office.

Unfinished business was taken up. The Second Clerk reported that the order on page 726 in reference to substituting "miscellaneous" for "congregational" had been obeyed.

The order on page 728 to the Rev. W. W. Orr and the Rev. R. G. Miller to undertake to raise one dollar per member for paying off the College debt had not been obeyed. The reasons for same were satisfactory, and the brethren were discharged from this duty.

The Committee on Revision, page 730, was indulged to bring in a report at a subsequent session of this meeting.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had obeyed instructions on page 732.

The Rev. T. G. Boyce reported that neither he nor his alternate, the Rev. W. H. Millen, could attend the Young People's Annual Institute of the United Presbyterian Church. On motion of the Rev. J. T. Chalmers, a request was made of the Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., who attended that meeting, to address the Synod. This request was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Rev. G. R. White presented his report as delegate to the United Presbyterian General Assembly.

The Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., and Rev. James Boyce reported for the delegates to the Presbyterian Council in Glasgow, Scotland, and their reasons for failure to attend were considered satisfactory.

The Rev. James Boyce reported that no meeting of the Committee to revise the Psalter had been held.

The Rev. O. Y. Bonner made a verbal report for the Committee on Young People's Convention.

On motion, Synod took recess till 2.30 P. M.

THURSDAY, 2.30 P. M.

Synod resumed business, and the Moderator announced the following committees:

COMMITTEES.

Auditing—Rev. Messrs. M. T. Ellis, D. G. Philips, Jr., and Elder C. D. Rowan.

Bills and Overtures—Rev. Messrs. C. E. McDonald, W. M. Grier, D. D., S. A. Agnew, D. D., Elders R. S. Galloway and J. H. Oates.

Church Extension—Rev. Messrs. J. W. Baird, R. M. Stevenson, and Elder W. J. Strong.

Correspondence—Rev. Messrs. B. H. Grier, J. H. Pressly, and Elder E. M. Seale.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. L. I. Echols and Elder J. J. L. Gill.

Erskine College—Rev. Messrs. W. H. Millen, J. L. Young, H. B. Blakely, J. P. Knox, and Elder R. A. Grier.

Excuses and Leave of Absence—Rev. Messrs. E. B. Anderson, G. G. Parkinson, and Elder R. M. Ranson.

Finance—Rev. Messrs. J. A. White, S. W. Reid, M. Oates, A. J. Ranson, and Elders L. S. Lancaster and T. H. Robinson.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Messrs. J. L. Young, James Boyce, J. P. Erwin, E. P. McClintock, E. P. Stewart, J. H. Pressly and I. N. Kennedy.

Home Missions—The Board of Home Missions and the Rev. Messrs. T. B. Stewart, G. R. White, O. Y. Bonner, T. P. Pressly, J. A. Lowry, W. L. Patterson, James Boyce.

Minutes of Synod—Rev. Messrs. R. L. Bell, J. M. Garrison, and Elder Thos. Hardeman.

Nominations—Rev. Messrs. W. L. Pressly, D. D., J. H. Simpson, W. C. Ewart.

Presbyterial Reports—Rev. Messrs. S. A. Agnew, D. D., J. S. Mills, J. C. Galloway, and Elders J. N. Ross and W. T. Ellis.

Sabbath-schools—Rev. Messrs. J. S. Moffatt, T. B. Stewart, J. L. Pressly, and Elder I. N. Burnett.

Theological Seminary—Rev. Messrs. J. T. Chalmers, R. M. Stevenson, Calvin Pressly, M. Oates, and A. L. Patterson.

A communication from the Executive Commission (Western Section) of the Presbyterian Alliance was received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A communication from the Anti-Saloon League of America was ordered to be referred to a Special Committee on Temperance to be appointed.

A communication from the Evangelical Missionary Association of Mexico was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The report of the Committee on Publication was read and referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Moderator. This committee is the Rev. Messrs. W. M. Grier, D. D., R. G. Miller, and J. A. Lowry.

The report of the Treasurer of Church Extension was presented and referred back to the board to be audited.

The Committee of Correspondence submitted a partial report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence would make the following partial report:

We are gratified to have with us the Rev. A. S. Vincent, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church. We recommend he now be introduced to this Synod, and that he be asked to address the Synod at 7.30 this evening.

Dr. Vincent was introduced to the Synod and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Nominations submitted a partial report, naming the Committee on Temperance. The committee is the Rev. Messrs. J. S. Moffatt, H. B. Blakely, and Elder Thos. Hardeman.

The report of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions was referred, after reading the summaries, to the Committee of Finance.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod was referred, after reading summaries, to the Auditing Committee.

The report of the Board of Church Extension was read, and referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The report of the Trustees of Erskine Theological Seminary was read, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

The reports of the Memphis and Kentucky Presbyteries

were read, and referred to the Committee on Presbyterial Reports.

The Standing Committee on Sale of the Louisville Church property reported, and same was referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

A resolution providing for the division of the Synod was offered by the Rev. J. M. Garrison, and was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Reports were called for from standing committees.

Dr. W. L. Pressly, for the Committee on Digest, was indulged to report later. Also the Rev. T. P. Pressly, for the Committee on Judiciary, and the Rev. G. R. White, for the Standing Committee on Statistics.

The Committee on Young People's Organ was discharged. The other standing committees announced ready to report at a later session.

The Moderator announced the following Committee on Memorial Service, the Rev. Dr. W. L. Pressly to preside: In regard to Dr. Lathan, the Rev. Messrs. W. M. Grier, D. D., M. Oates, and H. B. Blakely; in regard to the Rev. J. M. Little, the Rev. Messrs. W. L Patterson, Calvin Pressly, and W. H. Millen. It was agreed that this service be the first order for the afternoon session to-morrow.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Committee on Devotional Exercises would recommend that:

Synod open at 9 A. M.; recede from business at 11 for preaching; reconvene at 1.45 P. M.; adjourn at 4.30; reconvene at 7.30 for public service.

We recommend that Rev. O. Y. Bonner preach Friday at eleven; Rev. James Boyce, Saturday at eleven; Rev. J. A. Lowry, Sabbath at eleven; Rev. J. T. Chalmers, Sabbath at 7.30.

The Rev. James Boyce offered a resolution of instructions to the committees, which was referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

The Synod was led in prayer by the Rev. Alvan S. Vincent, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church, and took recess till 7.30 P. M.

THURSDAY, 7.30 P. M.

Synod reassembled and spent some time in devotional exercises. The Rev. Messrs. I. N. Kennedy, A. J. Ranson having arrived, their names were enrolled.

The Rev. Dr. Alvan S. Vincent, the Delegate from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, was introduced by the Moderator, and addressed the Synod in a very entertaining and fraternal manner. The Moderator responded with suitable and judicious remarks.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a supplementary report, which was adopted. It is as follows:

Supplementary Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Devotional Committee would beg to supplement its report by changing time of meeting at night from 7.30 to 7. Also that a devotional exercise of twenty minutes be held immediately after convening each morning and afternoon. This exercise is to be under direction of Moderator.

Synod proceeded to the selection of the next place of meeting. Lancaster, S. C., Head Spring, Tenn., and Smyrna, S. C., were nominated. Head Spring was selected.

The Rev. J. L. Young was elected Moderator for the next meeting.

The reports of the Virginia and Tennessee and Alabama Presbyteries were read, and referred to the Committee on Presbyterial Reports.

The report of the Superintendents of Woman's Work was read, and referred to the Committee of Foreign Missions.

The report of the Standing Committee on Union was read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

After prayer by the Rev. M. Oates, Synod adjourned till 9 A. M. to-morrow.

FRIDAY, October 23, 1896, 9 A. M.

Synod convened and spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises, under the leadership of the Rev. C. E. McDonald.

The Rev. E. E. Patterson arrived and was enrolled, and Mr. W. M. Wilson, of Corsicana, Texas, was enrolled as a Commissioner.

The Minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and sustained as correct.

Papers were called for. The Rev. J. A. Lowry, by appointment of the Young People's Convention in Charlotte submitted a report from that Convention.

On motion of the Rev. J. S. Moffatt, this report was referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator, and it was further ordered that a regular committee be hereafter annually appointed. The Moderator appointed on this committee the Rev. Messrs. R. M. Stevenson, D. G. Philips, Jr., and E. B. Anderson.

The report of the Rev. J. S. Moffatt, Secretary of Young People's Work, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Young People's Work.

The reports of the Arkansas, First, and Texas Presbyteries were read, and referred to the Committee on Presbyterial Reports.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Erskine College, with those of the President and the College Agent, were read, and referred to the Committee on Erskine College.

The Rev. D. G. Philips offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, It appears from the report of the Board of Trustees of Erskine College that Dr. Grier has allowed his resignation of the Presidency of the College to come to the Synod; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That this Synod, by a rising vote, testify its unqualified appreciation of Dr. Grier's services in the past, express its utmost confidence in his fitness to administer the affairs of the College in the future, and urge him to retain his connection with the College as President."

In connection with this a paper signed by the Faculty of the College, and a telegram from the students, urging the Synod to refuse to accept the resignation of Dr. Grier, were read, and referred to the Committee on Erskine College.

On motion of the Rev. B. H. Grier, the item in the report of the First Presbytery referring to an Orphanage was referred to a special committee. The Rev. Messrs. H. B. Blakely, J. W. Baird, and Elder C. D. Rowan were appointed this committee.

The Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., read the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, which was referred to the Committee of Foreign Missions.

Synod receded from business till 1.45 P. M., after prayer by the Rev. O. Y. Bonner.

FRIDAY, 1.45 P. M.

The Synod met, and spent twenty minutes in devotional exercises under the direction of the Rev. I. N. Kennedy.

Proceeding with the order of the day, the Memorial Service, the Rev. W. L. Pressly, D. D., took the chair, and read the 90th Psalm. Part of the 103rd Psalm was sung, and prayer was offered by the Rev. S. A. Agnew, D. D. The Rev. Messrs. W. M. Grier, D. D., M. Oates, and H. B. Blakely paid affectionate tribute to the memory of Dr. Lathan; W. L. Patterson, Calvin Pressly, W. H. Millen, E. P. Stewart, and J. L. Pressly to the memory of the Rev. J. M. Little; James A. Lowry of both brethren, and A. J. Ranson and Dr. W. L. Pressly of Dr. Lathan. The Moderator then took the chair, and Dr. Pressly offered, and the Synod adopted the following resolutions:

With profound sorrow the Synod has learned of the death of two of its members since its last meeting to wit: that of Rev. Robert Lathan, D. D., which occurred at Bradley's, S. C., on June 15, 1896, and that of Rev. J. M. Little, which occurred at his home in Milam County, Texas, on September 11, 1896.

In view of these afflictive experiences we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

First, That in the death of these brethren, not only their respective Presbyteries, but the Synod has sustained a serious loss.

Second, That in these Providences we recognize the hand and bow in submission to the wise and holy will of the great King and Head of the Church.

Third, That a page in the Minute book of the Synod be inscribed to the memory of each of these brethren.

Fourth, That Rev. C. B. Betts be requested to prepare a biographical sketch of Dr. Lathan, and Rev. Calvin Pressly a similar sketch of Rev. J. M. Little, and that these be published in the A. R. Presbyterian.

REV. ROBERT LATHAN, D. D.

Born December 27, 1829,
Fairfied District, S. C.
Died June 15, 1896,
Bradley, Abbeville County, S. C.

REV. JAMES McKINNEY LITTLE.

Born September 20, 1828,
Jefferson County, Ga.
Died September 11, 1896,
Milam County, Texas.

The Rev. J. C. Galloway presented the report of the Board of Home Missions, including the reports of Rev. W. W. Orr, Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Evangelistic Fund, and the By-Laws of the Board; all of which were referred back to the Board with instructions to consider the claims of the Texas Presbytery, and then commit to the Committee on Home Missions.

The item of the above report arranging for a Conference to-night was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures submitted a partial report, which was adopted, as follows:

Partial Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures.

In answer to the overture of the Texas Presbytery, that the Synod appoint a Commission to act for the Texas Presbytery in the trial of a member of that Presbytery, against whom charges affecting his character have been preferred, we recommend that their request be granted, and that Revs. E. P. McClintock, H. B. Blakely, M. Oates, and Elders R. A. Grier and W. J. Strong be this Commission.

The report of the Second Presbytery was read, and referred.

The Executive Committee of Young People's Organization presented its report, which was referred to the Committee on Young People's Work.

The item in the report of the Board of Foreign Missions providing for a Conference to-morrow night was adopted.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. R. M. Stevenson, and Synod took recess till 7 P. M.

FRIDAY, 7 P. M.

Synod reassembled, and proceeded to the special order, viz., the Conference on Home Missions, with the Rev. John T. Chalmers in the chair. With singing appropriate Psalms, and earnest prayers by a number of brethren, the programme arranged by the Board was carried out. The Rev. G. G. Parkinson spoke on "Some Encouragements in City Missions." The Rev. W. W. Orr addressed the Conference on "The Outlook in Home Mission Work." The S. M. of all the Presbyteries except Virginia made two-minute talks on the work, and the Conference closed with a stirring address by the Chairman on "Money and Mission Work."

SATURDAY, October 24, 1896, 9 A. M.

The Synod met, and the Rev. W. H. Millen conducted devotional services for twenty minutes.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read, and approved.

The Rev. G. R. White submitted the report of the Standing Committee on Statistics. The consideration of this report was made the first order of the day for the afternoon session.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would report:

That we have considered the paper put into our hands from the Anti-Saloon League, requesting us to co-operate with the League and to send two delegates to the National Convention, which meets in Washington, D. C., December 8–10, 1896.

While we sympathize with the object of this League, and would put ourselves on record as opposed to the saloon and to the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and for profit under any form or system, we do not think it advisable to ally the Synod as an ecclesiastical body with the Anti-Saloon League.

We would, therefore, recommend:

1. That the request to send two delegates to the National Convention be respectfully declined, and that our Clerk notify the officers of the League of this action.

2. That hereafter a regular committee be appointed at each meeting of Synod, to be known as the Committee on Temperance, whose duty it shall be to consider any papers that may come properly before it, and to give expression to such views and recommend such action as shall tend to further the cause of temperance in our churches.

The Rev. W. W. Orr, on behalf of the people of the Texas Presbytery, presented the Moderator with a gavel made of wood taken from the "County Line School House," between Richland and Navarro counties, in which the first Associate Reformed Presbyterian church in the State was organized, by the Rev. T. J. Bonner, November 14, 1865. The Moderator accepted it with thanks.

The Special Committee on the Orphanage presented a majority report signed by J. W. Baird and C. D. Rowan, and a minority report signed by H. B. Blakely.

Pending discussion, the members of the Commission to try

the case of discipline in the Texas Presbytery obtained leave of absence from the sessions of to-day, and were allowed to record their votes on the report under discussion.

The Rev. J. L. Young was elected Second Clerk *pro tem.* in the absence of Rev. E. P. McClintock.

The hour for public worship having arrived, it was agreed to suspend the regular order and continue the session of Synod till 12.30 P. M., and speeches were limited to one minute each.

The first recommendation of the minority report providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the subject of the Orphanage was adopted. The remaining portions of the report prescribing the duties and powers of this committee were committed to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The Rev. J. A. White was appointed to act on the Committee on Nominations instead of the Rev. W. C. Ewart in nominating the committee called for by the foregoing action.

The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ERSKINE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on Theological Seminary would report that the following papers came into our hands: (a) the report of the Directors and (b) the report of the Treasurer. We note with pleasure, and we trust also with sentiments of profound gratitude to Almighty God, the following:

1. That the number of students, sixteen, is the largest in the history of our Synod, and

2. That Mr. Joseph Wylie has given the Church another token of his devotion and largeness of heart by a gift of $5,000 to the permanent endowment of the Seminary. We also note,

3. That there is still an indebtedness of the income fund to the permanent fund of $2,650. We recommend,

1. That this debt be paid as rapidly as possible from the surplus income of the Seminary.

2. That the action of the Board in continuing the present arrangement as to supplementary professorships be endorsed.

3. That the Board of Directors of the Seminary be reminded of the order of Synod (page 486 of Minutes) that Boards examine the securities and bank accounts of their Treasurers, and that a report of the same be made to the Synod.

The petitions of the students of Erskine College and of Erskine Theological Seminary were received, read, and referred to the Committee on Erskine College.

A supplementary report of the Trustees of Erskine College was read, and referred.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was read, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod would respectfully report as follows:

Only one paper came into our hands relative to the plan of construction of the Minutes. This was the resolution of Rev. James Boyce requiring Synod's committees not to embody in their reports the facts in the papers referred to them, but only recommend suitable action to be taken by the Synod.

While we regard this matter important and see merit in the resolution, yet in the judgment of your Committee we would not recommend its adoption; but only suggest to all Committeemen to take due notice of and avoid as far as possible all repetition of matter that is unnecessary in the reports.

Elder R. A. Grier offered a resolution calling for the appointment of a lay delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. It was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was taken up, discussed, and recommitted, with instructions to recommend one day for a special collection for this cause.

The Standing Committee on Revision presented its report, and pending reference, Synod on motion took recess till 1.45 P. M.

SATURDAY, 1.45 P. M.

Synod reassembled, and spent twenty minutes in devotional exercises under the direction of the Moderator.

The report of the Committee on Revision was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Rev. John Crane of the Baptist Church was introduced and extended usual courtesies.

The regular order was taken up, viz., the report of the Com-

mittee on Statistics. After some discussion, action was deferred until after the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures shall have been acted on.

The report of the Special Committee on Report of the Committee on Publication was read, but action was deferred until the Rev. Mr. Blakely could be present.

The report of the Committee on Erskine College was considered item by item. Pending the vote on the first item, Dr. Grier in some feeling words withdrew his resignation. The first item was adopted by a standing vote. The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ERSKINE COLLEGE.

We find from the papers that came into our hands that the College is in a very gratifying condition, and that there are no special matters calling for action, except the resignation of Dr. Grier. We recommend that the Synod endorse the action of the Board in declining to accept his resignation.

We recommend further:

That the election of Prof. S. P. McElroy as tutor be endorsed.

That Synod endorse the plans for building a dormitory and borrowing funds for this purpose; and also in calling upon congregations to furnish rooms in the dormitory.

We recommend further:

That the Preparatory Department, at the request of the Board, be reorganized under the name of Erskine Fitting School, with a Principal, who shall receive a fixed salary of $500 per annum for ten months, nine months to be spent in teaching and one month to be spent in an active canvass of territory contiguous to Erskine College, for students for this department, and as an inducement to this work, $5.00 for each student enrolled be given in addition to the fixed salary.

That the School embrace a three years' course of study, giving a course of thorough preparation for the Freshman class in Erskine College.

That two, or more, if necessary, of the Professors of Erskine College be required to give instruction in this department, with such compensation as the Board may agree upon.

That the tuition in the College be raised from $15.00 to $30.00.

That a committee, consisting of Revs. W. M. Grier, W. L. Pressly, and W. W. Orr, be appointed to carry out the above plans for the Fitting School, and that this change appear in the next Catalogue.

That the action of the Board, granting 50 per cent. reduction in tuition to students who come from a distance of more than 300 miles, be endorsed.

In view of Dr. Grier's action, and the prosperous and hopeful condition of the College, the Synod was, on motion of the Rev. John T. Chalmers, led in special prayer of thanksgiving by the Rev. Messrs. J. A. Lowry and R. G. Miller.

Synod took recess till 7 P. M.

SATURDAY, 7 P. M.

Synod met and proceeded to the regular order, viz., the Conference on Foreign Missions. The Rev. T. P. Pressly presided, and the programme arranged by the Board of Foreign Missions was followed, interspersed with a number of prayers and songs. Addresses were made by Rev. J. A. Lowry on "Christian Giving"; by Rev. J. S. Moffatt on "Mission Schools"; by Rev. J. C. Galloway on "Mission Equipment." In the absence of the Rev. M. Oates, Dr. Grier led the Synod in prayer for the missionaries, and especially for the speedy restoration of Miss Mattie Boyce to perfect health.

On resuming business, the report of the Committee on Judiciary was read, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Nothing demanding attention has been brought before us. So far as we see the proceedings of the Synod have been regular and orderly.

The report of the Trustees of Synod was presented, and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of Erskine College was referred without reading to the Committee on Erskine College.

The Rev. James Boyce presented a request from the Kentucky Presbytery for a readjustment of the basis of assessments, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Societies was taken from the docket, and considered item by item, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Three papers came into our hands, viz.: The report of the general Secretary, the report of the Committee of the Young People's Convention, and the report of the Executive Committee.

We presume the above papers will be published and we shall not repeat here what may be found in these papers.

We recommend that the Synod endorse the action of the Convention requesting that the name "Christian Union" be given to all the societies.

We recommend their action requesting that five cents per member be contributed to defray the incidental expenses of the Convention, and that copies of the Constitution be published.

We recommend that the arrangement made for a Young People's organ be endorsed.

That the Christian Endeavor topics be used with such changes as our Secretary and Executive Committee may suggest in order to adapt same to our Church needs.

The Constitution adopted at last Synod for the Young People's organization was referred for amendment to the Committee last mentioned.

The report of the Special Committee on Report of the Committee of Publication was taken up and adopted. It is as follows:

Report of the Special Committee on Report of the Committee of Publication.

1. Your Committee heartily approve the action of the Committee in the management of the publication of the Confession of Faith, and recommend that the same committee be continued, with instructions to make sale of the Confessions as they may be called for; to retain the money realized from such sale until further action of the Synod.

2. Your Committee recommend that this Synod endorse the recommendation of the Committee to publish 2,000 copies of the Minutes of the present session, and that the contract for the same be let to E. H. Aull, Newberry, S. C., for $1.50 per page.

3. As to the organization of a "Board of Publication" by the Synod, your Committee do not think the time has come for such an organization. To be efficient, it would require an amount of capital which we cannot command, and in the judgment of your Committee the present Committee of Publication is sufficient for the needs of the Synod, especially as the publications of the United Presbyterian Board of Publication are so accessible, and at a grade of prices which we could not offer.

On motion, the Committee of Publication was authorized to use temporarily the money received from sales of the Confession of Faith in carrying on the work of the Committee.

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was read, and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Church Extension would respectfully submit the following:

We find that while an assessment of $1,000 was laid by Synod upon the Churches, only $449.75 has been collected. Requests for aid are now in the hands of the Board, which, for lack of funds, it is unable to meet. We regret that this important work should seem not to commend itself to the hearty support of our people.

We recommend, therefore,

1st. That $1,000 be raised by the Churches, and that each congregation be required to take a voluntary collection for this purpose on some Sabbath in December or January, at the convenience of the congregation.

2nd. That the Treasurer of the Board be directed to send out a circular to all the congregations, calling attention to the importance of this work, and urging them to liberal contributions to it.

3d. At the suggestion of the Treasurer, we recommend that the Parsonage fund be transferred to the Board of Church Extension to be used in prosecuting its work.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was considered, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

With regard to the matters referred to this Committee, we have the following to report:

1. The returns from all the Presbyteries in reference to the overture sent down to them by the last Synod on changing the time of the meeting of Synod show that fifty-one votes are recorded in favor of the change, sixty-one in opposition to the change and five not voting. It will thus be seen that the overture has been defeated, and there will be no change in the time of meeting.

2. After considering the overture of Rev. J. M. Garrison, that steps be taken at this meeting looking to the division of the Synod into two or three Synods, we think that, while there might be some advantages to be derived from such division, yet the objections to it are such as to render it impracticable; and therefore we recommend that no such steps be taken.

3. In answer to the overture of the Texas Presbytery that the Synod appoint a Commission to act for the Texas Presbytery in the trial of a member of that Presbytery, against whom charges affecting his character have been preferred, we recommend that their request be granted, and that Revs. E. P. McClintock, H. B. Blakely, M. Oates and Elders R. A. Grier and W. J. Strong compose this Commission.

4. The First Presbytery asks that the various Presbyteries celebrate in some suitable way the 250th Anniversary of the Confession of Faith, and

that a committee be appointed to prepare a programme and arrange for this celebration.

We recommend that the Presbyteries be directed to celebrate this event at their spring meetings, and that Revs. J. H. Pressly, W. L. Pressly, D. D., D. G. Caldwell and J. I. McCain, Ph.D., be appointed a committee to prepare a programme and arrange for this celebration and publish their arrangements in the A. R. Presbyterian by January 1, 1896.

5. In answer to the questions of the Memphis Presbytery in reference to the installation of Ruling Elders, we would say that our Book is somewhat indefinite on these points, but we understand that the Committee of Revision will make provision for the matters inquired of, therefore we recommend that these matters be left to the discretion of sessions for the present.

6. The Committee on Revision report that they have revised the Book of Worship and that it is ready to be overtured to the Presbyteries. We recommend that this revised Book of Worship be overtured to the Presbyteries, and that they examine the Book prepared by the Committee of Revision and answer this question, viz.: Shall the Revised Book of Worship be adopted?

7. In lieu of the paper of the Committee on Orphanage referred to us we recommend the adoption of the following:

That the Synod direct the Committee on Nominations to nominate five persons, who shall be called the Committee on Orphanage, whose duties shall be to thoroughly canvass the subject of Orphanages, as to the best method of establishment and support and to consider whether the Synod should officially enter into this field of Christian work, that they shall visit places desiring such an institution, find out what inducements each place may offer and report their findings to the next meeting of Synod.

Synod adjourned till 9 A. M. Monday, after prayer by the Rev. W. L. Patterson.

MONDAY, October 26, 1896, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and spent twenty minutes in worship under the leadership of the Rev. J. P. Knox.

The minutes of Saturday were read, and sustained as correct.

Upon request, the Commission appointed to try the case of discipline in the Texas Presbytery was instructed to submit their report to the Texas Presbytery. This action was immediately reconsidered, and a motion adopted instructing the Commission to bring in its report as supplementary to the report of the Texas Presbytery.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. T. P. Pressly, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The actual work of the Church demands enlarged contributions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our ministers be directed to preach during the current year, to their respective congregations, a sermon on Christian liberality.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was taken from the docket, amended, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We desire to express our sincere sympathy for Miss Mattie Boyce, who has been forced, by ill health, to retire from the field of labor, and trust that it may be only temporary.

We are glad to know that the Church at El Maiz has been completed.

We are gratified to know that Miss M. E. Williams, who has offered her services to the Board, is now in the Moody Institute, preparing for the work.

We call the attention of the Board to the "Assembly of Missionaries" called for in the City of Mexico, on the dates January 27–31, 1897, and suggest that they take such steps as seem expedient.

We recommend that the Board of Foreign Missions take the matter of a "Training School" in hand, and report to the next meeting.

Bro. Edwards reports that he still needs $320.00 in order to complete and furnish the Chapel at Rio Verde, and we recommend that the congregations and societies of the Synod respond to his earnest call. We approve of his change in plans of church building.

That the week including the 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of December be set apart permanently as a week of prayer for Foreign Missions. That pastors preach on that work, and urge all congregations, societies, prayer-meetings, and heads of families to make special prayer during that week for our missions and missionaries.

We understand that the Superintendents of Woman's Work was not to gather statistics, but to stimulate the work; therefore we propose that they be continued.

We endorse all the acts and proceedings of the Board, so far as reported to us by the Board.

The report of the Committee on Finance was considered item by item. During the discussion on the appropriation for Foreign Missions the hour for public worship arrived, and the regular order was suspended, and the time extended indefinitely. The report was adopted as read, and is as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following reports came into our hands, viz.:

A. G. Brice, Treasurer of Synod; W. L. Pressly, Treasurer of Foreign Missions; G. R. White, Treasurer of Evangelistic Fund, and Joseph Wylie, Treasurer of Church Extension.

The above reports show the following facts:

Total collections of Synod's funds from all sources, including balance on hand and arrearages $5781 86
Total collections of Foreign Missions (proper) from all sources, including balance on hand 5896 93
From Young People's Societies 432 07
From Ladies' Societies 718 00
Total receipts of G. R. White, Treasurer of Evangelistic Fund.... 2172 74
Total receipts on Church Extension Fund 449 75

The apportionment for last year for Synod's Fund was $7015. The following shows the assessments and payments of the Presbyteries:

	Apportioned.	Paid.	Deficit.
First Presbytery	$3093 10	$1856 76	$1236 34
Second "	1547 80	994 46	553 34
Memphis "	914 00	277 65	636 35
Tenn. & Ala. "	421 60	324 53	97 07
Virginia "	281 00	219 51	61 49
Arkansas "	351 75	175 70	176 05
Kentucky "	281 00	182 50	98 50
Texas "	140 60	50 00	90 60
Tampico "	35 00	19 75	15 25

Your Committee recommend that the sum of $7015 be appropriated for Synod's Fund, to be distributed as follows:

First Presbytery $3093 10
Second Presbytery 1547 80
Memphis Presbytery 914 00
Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery 421 60
Virginia Presbytery 281 00
Arkansas Presbytery 351 75
Kentucky Presbytery 281 00
Texas Presbytery 140 60
Tampico Presbytery 35 00

Your Committee recommend that the sum of $5,000 be appropriated for Foreign Missions, to be distributed as follows:

First Presbytery $2200 00
Second Presbytery 1100 00
Memphis Presbytery 650 00
Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery 300 00
Virginia Presbytery 200 00
Arkansas Presbytery 250 00

Kentucky Presbytery	200 00
Texas Presbytery	100 00
Tampico Presbytery	25 00

Your Committee would recommend that a special committee, consisting of J. T. Chalmers, O. Y. Bonner, S. W. Haddon, W. S. Castles, I. N. Kennedy, T. G. Boyce, J. L. Young, W. L. Patterson, be appointed to readjust basis of Presbyterial Assessments, said committee to report at next meeting of Synod.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Auditing Accounts respectfully report, That we have examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod and find it correct and accompanied by proper vouchers.

Rev. E. P. McClintock submitted the report of the Commission for the Texas Presbytery, and the same was referred to the Committee on Presbyterial Reports.

The report of the Committee of Home Missions was presented by the Rev. T. P. Pressly, and was considered item by item, amended, and pending final action, Synod took recess at 12.45 P. M. for an hour and a half.

MONDAY, 2.30 P. M.

Synod resumed business, the time for devotional services being occupied by a funeral service.

The report of the Committee of Home Missions was taken up, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We approve of the following recommendations of the Board of Home Missions and recommend their adoption:

1. Respecting Rules and Regulations of that Board.
2. Respecting the Plan of Co-operation with the United Presbyterian Church.
3. Respecting the Louisville Mission.
4. Respecting the employment of Rev. Orr as Evangelist and College Agent for three years.
5. Respecting the opening of Missions at Fayetteville and Covington, Tenn. (See report of the Board).
6. We also recommend that the Constitution of the Home Mission

Board be amended so as to make the membership of said Board seven instead of six, and that Rev. J. T. Chalmers be added to that Board.

7. That Dr. Grier and Judge Ira B. Jones be directed to go to Louisville, Ky., at an early date and, if possible, clear up the titles to the property there.

8. That a claim of Rev. E. E. Patterson for $30, although irregular, be endorsed.

9. We recommend the following assignment of laborers:

TO SPECIAL MISSIONS.

Bartow, Fla.—Rev. J. B. Hood.

Columbia, S. C.—Rev. J. G. Dale.

Little Rock and Jacksonville, Ark.—Rev. G. G. Parkinson for two years.

Rock Hill, S. C.—Rev. A. S. Rogers for five years.

TO PRESBYTERIES.

The Arkansas, First and Memphis Presbyteries request no supplies.

To the Second Presbytery—Rev. J. B. Hood for Bartow, Rev. J. L. Pressly.

Tennessee and Alabama—Rev. J. H. Peoples for six months.

Kentucky—Rev. Plaxco for six months, Rev. J. H. Simpson for six months, Rev. Griffith for the year.

Texas—Rev. Simpson for first six months, Rev. Hayes for the year.

Virginia—Revs. J. E. Johnson, J. R. McCormick, and E. E. Patterson.

10. That Rev. Boyce be left at the disposal of the Board, and Rev. Plaxco after six months.

11. We recommend the following appropriations:

FOR SPECIAL MISSIONS.

Abbeville, S. C	$300 00
Corsicana, Tex	800 00
Bartow, Fla	400 00
Louisville, Ky	500 00
Atlanta, Ga	900 00
Columbia, S. C.	700 00
Little Rock and Jacksonville, Ark	800 00
Rock Hill, S. C.	500 00

FOR PRESBYTERIES.

Arkansas	$275 00
First	500 00
Kentucky	100 00
Memphis.	200 00
Tennessee and Alabama	200 00
Second	445 00
Texas	400 00
Virginia.	300 00

12. That an appropriation of $7,015 be assesssd on the Presbyteries for the current year.

13. That the claims endorsed by the Home Mission Board be allowed. (See Report of Home Mission Board.)

The Rev. W. W. Orr proposed, and Synod adopted, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions, which makes the said Board a part of the General Committee of Missions be so altered as to read "that Synod's General Committee of Missions shall consist of the Superintendents of Missions of the various Presbyteries with the Board of Home Missions as consultative members."

The Committee on Young People's Societies presented a supplementary report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Supplementary Report of Committee on Young People's Societies

Your Committee on Young People's Societies recommend the following changes in the Constitution of the Young People's Convention:

That article I be changed to read, "This assembly shall be called the Biennial Convention of the Christian Union of the A. R. P. Church."

That in article II the words "One Biennially" be inserted after each of the words "Synod" and "Convention", and that the last sentence read, "The General Secretary elected by the Synod for a term of four years shall be a member ex-officio".

That in article VII the word "three" be changed to "two".

The Committee on Correspondence presented its report, and it was considered item by item. The item referring to co-operation with other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches was referred to the Board of Home Missions. The item concerning a delegate to the Young People's Institute of the United Presbyterian Church was referred to the Executive Committee of our Young People's Christian Union. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee would report first that a paper came into our hands from Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D., Chairman of the Western Section of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world, holding the Presbyterian system. We beg to call attention to the following facts in connection with the communication of Dr. Roberts:

1. That the work of the Commission is progressing favorably and the Churches in the Alliance, are under the blessing of God, being drawn

closer together in Christian fellowship and for the maintenance of the faith and order which they profess.

2. That the Alliance has suffered a great loss in the death of Rev. T. W. Chambers, D. D., LL. D., the Chairman of the Western Section since 1888, and the President of the Alliance at the time of his death. Dr. Chambers is spoken of as a man of great ability and dignity, of large catholicity of spirit and very earnest in the work of the Alliance.

3. That there have been two meetings held recently by representatives of the Churches of the Alliance in the interests of co-operation in Home Mission work. These meetings were called together as a result of a movement initiated by Dr. Roberts, of the Northern Presbyterian Church, Dr. Fisher, of the Reformed Church in the United States, and Dr. Owens, of the United Presbyterian Church. The first was a conference held in Pittsburg in October, 1895, of the officers of the Home Mission Boards connected with the Alliance and resulted in the following conclusion being reached: (See paper in Appendix.)

A second meeting was ordered, and to this meeting were invited in addition to Boards of Home Missions, Boards of Church erection, Sabbath-school work and Freedmen's work. It was held in New York January 30, 1896, and the following plan of co-operation was unanimously adopted by those present, representing, as intimated above, the Boards of Home Missions, Church erection, Freedmen's Missions and Sabbath-school work of several of the Churches of the Alliance. We recommend according to Dr. Roberts' request that these resolutions be adopted by the Synod.

4. Dr. Roberts asks for the payment of our apportionment of the expenses of the Alliance, amounting to $60. We recommend that this be paid.

5. We note that the Sixth General Council was held in Glasgow, Scotland, June 17–26, 1896. It was largely attended, and the discussions, as we learn from the reports in the newspapers, were of an able character. The meeting was pervaded by great catholicity of spirit and strong brotherly feeling. It is a matter of regret that our Synod, owing to the time of meeting and for other reasons, had no representatives present.

6. Your Committee wish to express its gratification at having with us at this Synod Rev. A. S. Vincent, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church. This Synod has heard his earnest address with pleasure, and heartily reciprocates its fraternal and Christian spirit.

7. We recommend that a delegate be appointed to the next General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, which meets at Rock Island, Ill., in May, 1897, and in accordance with a paper referred to us, we recommend that, in addition to the Ministerial Delegate, a lay delegate be also appointed. We also recommend that the Nominating Com-

mittee select delegates who are likely to attend, and that they be urged to fulfil their appointment.

8. We recommend, also, that a delegate be appointed to the Young People's Convention of the United Presbyterian Church, which meets at Indianapolis, August, 1897.

9. Your Committee regret that from the report of the Permanent Committee on Union, referred to us, no steps have been taken during the year towards effecting a union of the two Churches, but we are gratified to know that in Home Mission work we are co-operating, and that an arrangement for giving us a page in the Young People's Paper, the *Christian Union Herald*, has been made, a practical step, as we think, towards bringing the youth of the two Churches into closer relationships.

10. We recommend that the Stated Clerk be directed to communicate to the proper authorities the above action.

The report of the Committee on Presbyterial Reports was adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

Your Committee would report as follows:

We have received reports from all the Presbyteries except that of Tampico. We find from these reports the spiritual condition of the churches in all our Presbyteries is good. In the Arkansas Presbytery it is very encouraging. The general condition of the Church is better now than ever before.

The pastoral relation has been dissolved between: Rev. E. F. Griffith and Ebenezer, Rev. E. F. Griffith and Timber Ridge, Rev. T. W. Sloan and Charlotte, Rev. W. W. Orr and Huntersville, Rev. W. M. Hunter and Prosperity, Rev. W. C. Ewart and Edgmoor, Rev. I. G. McLaughlin and Back Creek, after a service of 53 years; Rev. W. H. Millen and Ebenezer, Hinkston; Rev. Jas. Boyce and Louisville.

DEATH OF MINISTERS.

Rev. Robert Lathan, D. D., of Second Presbytery, June 15, 1896.

Rev. James McKinney Little, of Texas Presbytery, September 11, 1896.

DEATH OF RULING ELDERS.

E. P. Chalmers, Second Presbytery.

James McBride, Memphis Presbytery.

J. W. Strong, Memphis Presbytery.

J. T. Hunter, Arkansas Presbytery.

J. M. Sterling, Arkansas Presbytery.

J. M. Laughridge, First Presbytery.

LICENTIATE RECEIVED.

J. G. Dale, Allegheny, United Presbyterian, 1896.

ORDINATION.

J. G. Dale, First Presbytery, Sine titulo.

CHURCHES ERECTED.

Bethel, Laurens, S. C., Second Presbytery.
Bradley, Second Presbytery.
White Oak, Second Presbytery.
Brighton, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.

ELDERS ORDAINED.

R. G. Rhodes, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
S. P. Hooten, Second Presbytery.
T. H. Shumate, Second Presbytery.
Thomas N. Hill, Second Presbytery.
T. J. Conaway, Second Presbytery.
C. C. Bell, Arkansas Presbytery.
J. N. Ross, Arkansas Presbytery.
J. M. McNair, Arkansas Presbytery.
P. L. Neal, Arkansas Presbytery.
W. T. Bell, Arkansas Presbytery.
Thos. Johnson, First Presbytery.
John Hethcox, First Presbytery.
Josiah Hunter, First Presbytery.
Dr. W. F. Strait, First Presbytery.
J. L. Wright, First Presbytery.
J. M. Laughridge, First Presbytery.
M. H. Dwyer, First Presbytery.
A. F. Whiteside, First Presbytery.
J. M. Matheson, First Presbytery.
D. M. Moore, First Presbytery.
H. L. Wallace, Kentucky Presbytery.

DEACONS ORDAINED.

W. M. Kidd, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
D. L. Gault, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
John Galloway, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
Joseph Lindsay, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
I. B. McCalla, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
E. C. Stewart, Second Presbytery.
A. M. Hastings, Second Presbytery.
John Banks, Memphis Presbytery.
W. H. McQuiston, Arkansas Presbytery.
J. L. Spence, Arkansas Presbytery.
J. M. Grier, First Presbytery.
T. J. Pruitt, First Presbytery.
W. P. Covin, First Presbytery.
J. A. Black, First Presbytery.
J. L. White, First Presbytery.
Dr. M. W. White, First Presbytery.

I. F. McArver, First Presbytery.
F. M. Gallant, First Presbytery.
G. W. Patterson, First Presbytery.
W. I. Allen, First Presbytery.
John H. Wallace, Kentucky Presbytery.

INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. J. M. White, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery, Hopewell and Head Spring Churches.

Rev. A. J. Ranson, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery, Prosperity and Blanche Churches.

Rev. I. N. Kennedy, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery, Elk Valley Church.

Rev. H. Rabb, Second Presbytery, Bethel, Head Spring and Providence Churches, Laurens, S. C.

Rev. T. W. Sloan, Second Presbytery, Troy Church.

Rev. W. H. Millen, Memphis Presbytery, Richland and Brighton Churches.

Rev. M. T. Ellis, Memphis Presbytery, New Hope and Prosperity Churches.

Rev. J. L. Young, Arkansas Presbytery, Ebenezer Church.

Rev. J. T. Chalmers, First Presbytery, Charlotte Church.

Rev. J. S. Grier, First Presbytery, Sharon Church.

Rev. W. C. Ewart, First Presbytery, Lancaster Church.

Rev. W. S. Castles, Kentucky Presbytery, Mt. Zion Church, Mo.

LICENSURES.

S. J. Patterson, Memphis Presbytery.
J. B. Hood, First Presbytery.
T. W. Hayes, First Presbytery.
A. S. Rogers, First Presbytery.
J. C. Douglass, First Presbytery.
W. B. Lindsay, First Presbytery.
L. I. Echols, Second Presbytery.
J. V. Black, Second Presbytery.

STUDENTS RECEIVED.

J. W. McCain. L. T. Pressly. R. E. Hough.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

Churches have been organized at the following places:

Cook's Station, Anderson, S. C.—Twenty-one members, two elders, J. W. Stewart and J. D. McDonald; three deacons, T. A. Watt, A. C. Townsend, and R. J. Stewart.

Jacksonville, Ark., September 18, 1896.—Eighteen members and two elders, J. M. McNair and J. N. Ross.

Rock Hill, S. C.—Thirty-one members, three elders, Dr. W. F. Strait,

R. L. Wright, and J. M. Laughridge; deacons, J. A. Black and J. L. White.

Taylorsville.—Elders, I. M. Matheson and D. M. Moore; deacons, G. W. Patterson and W. J. Allen.

MINISTER SUSPENDED.

Rev. J. J. Grier, one year, Second Presbytery.

MINISTER DEPOSED.

Rev. J. H. Moffatt, Virginia Presbytery.

MINISTERS TRANSFERRED.

Rev. J. S. Grier, First to Second Presbytery.
Rev. Calvin Pressly, Second to Texas Presbytery.
Rev. H. Rabb, Memphis to Second Presbytery.
Rev. T. W. Sloan, First to Second Presbytery.
Rev. W. H. Millen, Kentucky to Memphis Presbytery.
Rev. M. T. Ellis, Second to Arkansas Presbytery.
Rev. G. G. Parkinson, Second to Arkansas Presbytery.
Rev. J. C. Douglass, First to Arkansas Presbytery.
Rev. C. E. Todd, First to Second Presbytery.
Rev. J. T. Chalmers, Philadelphia to First Presbytery.

We find in the report of the Commission, which acted in lieu of the Texas Presbytery, that charges had been preferred against Rev. E. E. Patterson, which seriously affected his character as a Christian minister; and while these charges were not satisfactorily proven, the evidence in the case justifies the declaration that the accused was very imprudent, and did not act in a manner to maintain the irreproachableness of character which is essential in a pastor's relation to his congregation and the world.

We recommend that the report of the Commission be spread on the minutes of the Texas Presbytery as a part of their record, and that the testimony taken be preserved in the archives of the Texas Presbytery.

The report of the Standing Committee on Statistics was again taken up, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

The Standing Committee on Improved Plan of Statistics would report the following:

At the meeting of Synod in 1894, the Committee reported a plan of statistics consisting of a number of items.

A part of this report was adopted. The third and fourth items were reconsidered, and the whole subject was referred to the Committee for revision, with instruction to report to the next meeting of Synod.

The feature of the report on which Synod could not agree was as to the time of closing the annual reports of the Church. As a solution of this

question the Committee reported to the Synod in 1895 recommending that the time of the meeting of Synod be hereafter in May instead of October. This recommendation was overtured to the Presbyteries and resulted in its rejection. We recommend therefore the adoption of the remaining items of the original report as they appear on page 681 in the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. MILLER.

G. R. WHITE.

Rev. James Boyce made a verbal statement concerning the funds collected and subscribed for the Louisville Church, and asked permission to publish a full statement of this account in the Appendix.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. J. S. Moffatt, was adopted:

Resolved, That monies subscribed to the building of a church in Louisville, Ky , and not yet paid in, be not called for unless there is further notice to this effect, and that all monies already collected, in case they are not needed for the purpose subscribed, be returned to the subscribers or turned into such channels as they may individually request.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

1. Board of Church Extension—Rev. J. S. Moffatt, Rev. J. A. White, Mr. Jos. Wylie, Hon. J. K. Henry, Hon. A. G. Brice.

2. Board of Foreign Missions—To fill out the unexpired term of Rev. H. T. Sloan, D. D., Dr. J. D. Neel. To succeed themselves, Rev. F. Y. Pressly, D D., Prof. H. E. Bonner, and Prof. P. L. Grier.

3. Board of Trustees of Synod—R. C. Bernau, Prof. J. L. Pressly, A. S. Kennedy and H. E. Bonner. The term of the two last to end 1899.

4. Delegate to the Assembly of U. P. Church—Rev. S. W. Reid, principal; Rev. R. M. Stevenson, alternate.

5. Lay Delegate—Mr. Thos. Hardeman; alternate, R. A. Grier.

6. Alternate for Moderator's Sermon—Rev. T. P. Pressly.

7. Successor to Dr. Lathan as Chairman of Committee on Sabbath Reform—Rev. S. A. Agnew, D. D.

8. Committee on Orphanage—Rev. C. B. Betts, Rev. J. S. Moffatt, Dr. G. R. White, Messrs. J. W. Bigham and R. A. Grier.

A supplementary report of the Committee on Erskine College was considered item by item, and adopted. It is as follows:

mittee on Statistics. After some discussion, action was deferred until after the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures shall have been acted on.

The report of the Special Committee on Report of the Committee on Publication was read, but action was deferred until the Rev. Mr. Blakely could be present.

The report of the Committee on Erskine College was considered item by item. Pending the vote on the first item, Dr. Grier in some feeling words withdrew his resignation. The first item was adopted by a standing vote. The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ERSKINE COLLEGE.

We find from the papers that came into our hands that the College is in a very gratifying condition, and that there are no special matters calling for action, except the resignation of Dr. Grier. We recommend that the Synod endorse the action of the Board in declining to accept his resignation.

We recommend further:

That the election of Prof. S. P. McElroy as tutor be endorsed.

That Synod endorse the plans for building a dormitory and borrowing funds for this purpose; and also in calling upon congregations to furnish rooms in the dormitory.

We recommend further:

That the Preparatory Department, at the request of the Board, be reorganized under the name of Erskine Fitting School, with a Principal, who shall receive a fixed salary of $500 per annum for ten months, nine months to be spent in teaching and one month to be spent in an active canvass of territory contiguous to Erskine College, for students for this department, and as an inducement to this work, $5.00 for each student enrolled be given in addition to the fixed salary.

That the School embrace a three years' course of study, giving a course of thorough preparation for the Freshman class in Erskine College.

That two, or more, if necessary, of the Professors of Erskine College be required to give instruction in this department, with such compensation as the Board may agree upon.

That the tuition in the College be raised from $15.00 to $30.00.

That a committee, consisting of Revs. W. M. Grier, W. L. Pressly, and W. W. Orr, be appointed to carry out the above plans for the Fitting School, and that this change appear in the next Catalogue.

That the action of the Board, granting 50 per cent. reduction in tuition to students who come from a distance of more than 300 miles, be endorsed.

In view of Dr. Grier's action, and the prosperous and hopeful condition of the College, the Synod was, on motion of the Rev. John T. Chalmers, led in special prayer of thanksgiving by the Rev. Messrs. J. A. Lowry and R. G. Miller.

Synod took recess till 7 P. M.

SATURDAY, 7 P. M.

Synod met and proceeded to the regular order, viz., the Conference on Foreign Missions. The Rev. T. P. Pressly presided, and the programme arranged by the Board of Foreign Missions was followed, interspersed with a number of prayers and songs. Addresses were made by Rev. J. A. Lowry on "Christian Giving"; by Rev. J. S. Moffatt on "Mission Schools"; by Rev. J. C. Galloway on "Mission Equipment." In the absence of the Rev. M. Oates, Dr. Grier led the Synod in prayer for the missionaries, and especially for the speedy restoration of Miss Mattie Boyce to perfect health.

On resuming business, the report of the Committee on Judiciary was read, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Nothing demanding attention has been brought before us. So far as we see the proceedings of the Synod have been regular and orderly.

The report of the Trustees of Synod was presented, and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of Erskine College was referred without reading to the Committee on Erskine College.

The Rev. James Boyce presented a request from the Kentucky Presbytery for a readjustment of the basis of assessments, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Societies was taken from the docket, and considered item by item, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Three papers came into our hands, viz.: The report of the general Secretary, the report of the Committee of the Young People's Convention, and the report of the Executive Committee.

We presume the above papers will be published and we shall not repeat here what may be found in these papers.

We recommend that the Synod endorse the action of the Convention requesting that the name "Christian Union" be given to all the societies.

We recommend their action requesting that five cents per member be contributed to defray the incidental expenses of the Convention, and that copies of the Constitution be published.

We recommend that the arrangement made for a Young People's organ be endorsed.

That the Christian Endeavor topics be used with such changes as our Secretary and Executive Committee may suggest in order to adapt same to our Church needs.

The Constitution adopted at last Synod for the Young People's organization was referred for amendment to the Committee last mentioned.

The report of the Special Committee on Report of the Committee of Publication was taken up and adopted. It is as follows:

Report of the Special Committee on Report of the Committee of Publication.

1. Your Committee heartily approve the action of the Committee in the management of the publication of the Confession of Faith, and recommend that the same committee be continued, with instructions to make sale of the Confessions as they may be called for; to retain the money realized from such sale until further action of the Synod.

2. Your Committee recommend that this Synod endorse the recommendation of the Committee to publish 2,000 copies of the Minutes of the present session, and that the contract for the same be let to E. H. Aull, Newberry, S. C., for $1.50 per page.

3. As to the organization of a "Board of Publication" by the Synod, your Committee do not think the time has come for such an organization. To be efficient, it would require an amount of capital which we cannot command, and in the judgment of your Committee the present Committee of Publication is sufficient for the needs of the Synod, especially as the publications of the United Presbyterian Board of Publication are so accessible, and at a grade of prices which we could not offer.

On motion, the Committee of Publication was authorized to use temporarily the money received from sales of the Confession of Faith in carrying on the work of the Committee.

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was read, and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Church Extension would respectfully submit the following:

We find that while an assessment of $1,000 was laid by Synod upon the Churches, only $449.75 has been collected. Requests for aid are now in the hands of the Board, which, for lack of funds, it is unable to meet. We regret that this important work should seem not to commend itself to the hearty support of our people.

We recommend, therefore,

1st. That $1,000 be raised by the Churches, and that each congregation be required to take a voluntary collection for this purpose on some Sabbath in December or January, at the convenience of the congregation.

2nd. That the Treasurer of the Board be directed to send out a circular to all the congregations, calling attention to the importance of this work, and urging them to liberal contributions to it.

3d. At the suggestion of the Treasurer, we recommend that the Parsonage fund be transferred to the Board of Church Extension to be used in prosecuting its work.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was considered, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

With regard to the matters referred to this Committee, we have the following to report:

1. The returns from all the Presbyteries in reference to the overture sent down to them by the last Synod on changing the time of the meeting of Synod show that fifty-one votes are recorded in favor of the change, sixty-one in opposition to the change and five not voting. It will thus be seen that the overture has been defeated, and there will be no change in the time of meeting.

2. After considering the overture of Rev. J. M. Garrison, that steps be taken at this meeting looking to the division of the Synod into two or three Synods, we think that, while there might be some advantages to be derived from such division, yet the objections to it are such as to render it impracticable; and therefore we recommend that no such steps be taken.

3. In answer to the overture of the Texas Presbytery that the Synod appoint a Commission to act for the Texas Presbytery in the trial of a member of that Presbytery, against whom charges affecting his character have been preferred, we recommend that their request be granted, and that Revs. E. P. McClintock, H. B. Blakely, M. Oates and Elders R. A. Grier and W. J. Strong compose this Commission.

4. The First Presbytery asks that the various Presbyteries celebrate in some suitable way the 250th Anniversary of the Confession of Faith, and

that a committee be appointed to prepare a programme and arrange for this celebration.

We recommend that the Presbyteries be directed to celebrate this event at their spring meetings, and that Revs. J. H. Pressly, W. L. Pressly, D. D., D. G. Caldwell and J. I. McCain, Ph.D., be appointed a committee to prepare a programme and arrange for this celebration and publish their arrangements in the A. R. Presbyterian by January 1, 1896.

5. In answer to the questions of the Memphis Presbytery in reference to the installation of Ruling Elders, we would say that our Book is somewhat indefinite on these points, but we understand that the Committee of Revision will make provision for the matters inquired of, therefore we recommend that these matters be left to the discretion of sessions for the present.

6. The Committee on Revision report that they have revised the Book of Worship and that it is ready to be overtured to the Presbyteries. We recommend that this revised Book of Worship be overtured to the Presbyteries, and that they examine the Book prepared by the Committee of Revision and answer this question, viz.: Shall the Revised Book of Worship be adopted?

7. In lieu of the paper of the Committee on Orphanage referred to us we recommend the adoption of the following:

That the Synod direct the Committee on Nominations to nominate five persons, who shall be called the Committee on Orphanage, whose duties shall be to thoroughly canvass the subject of Orphanages, as to the best method of establishment and support and to consider whether the Synod should officially enter into this field of Christian work, that they shall visit places desiring such an institution, find out what inducements each place may offer and report their findings to the next meeting of Synod.

Synod adjourned till 9 A. M. Monday, after prayer by the Rev. W. L. Patterson.

MONDAY, October 26, 1896, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and spent twenty minutes in worship under the leadership of the Rev. J. P. Knox.

The minutes of Saturday were read, and sustained as correct.

Upon request, the Commission appointed to try the case of discipline in the Texas Presbytery was instructed to submit their report to the Texas Presbytery. This action was immediately reconsidered, and a motion adopted instructing the Commission to bring in its report as supplementary to the report of the Texas Presbytery.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. T. P. Pressly, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The actual work of the Church demands enlarged contributions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our ministers be directed to preach during the current year, to their respective congregations, a sermon on Christian liberality.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was taken from the docket, amended, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We desire to express our sincere sympathy for Miss Mattie Boyce, who has been forced, by ill health, to retire from the field of labor, and trust that it may be only temporary.

We are glad to know that the Church at El Maiz has been completed.

We are gratified to know that Miss M. E. Williams, who has offered her services to the Board, is now in the Moody Institute, preparing for the work.

We call the attention of the Board to the "Assembly of Missionaries" called for in the City of Mexico, on the dates January 27–31, 1897, and suggest that they take such steps as seem expedient.

We recommend that the Board of Foreign Missions take the matter of a "Training School" in hand, and report to the next meeting.

Rev. Edwards reports that he still needs $320.00 in order to complete and furnish the Chapel at Rio Verde, and we recommend that the congregations and societies of the Synod respond to his earnest call. We approve of his change in plans of church building.

That the week including the 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of December be set apart permanently as a week of prayer for Foreign Missions. That pastors preach on that work, and urge all congregations, societies, prayer-meetings, and heads of families to make special prayer during that week for our missions and missionaries.

We understand that the Superintendents of Woman's Work was not to gather statistics, but to stimulate the work; therefore we propose that they be continued.

We endorse all the acts and proceedings of the Board, so far as reported to us by the Board.

The report of the Committee on Finance was considered item by item. During the discussion on the appropriation for Foreign Missions the hour for public worship arrived, and the regular order was suspended, and the time extended indefinitely. The report was adopted as read, and is as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following reports came into our hands, viz.:

A. G. Brice, Treasurer of Synod; W. L. Pressly, Treasurer of Foreign Missions; G. R. White, Treasurer of Evangelistic Fund, and Joseph Wylie, Treasurer of Church Extension.

The above reports show the following facts:

Total collections of Synod's funds from all sources, including balance on hand and arrearages $5781 86
Total collections of Foreign Missions (proper) from all sources, including balance on hand 5896 93
From Young People's Societies 432 07
From Ladies' Societies 718 00
Total receipts of G. R. White, Treasurer of Evangelistic Fund.... 2172 74
Total receipts on Church Extension Fund 449 75

The apportionment for last year for Synod's Fund was $7015. The following shows the assessments and payments of the Presbyteries:

	Apportioned.	Paid.	Deficit.
First Presbytery	$3093 10	$1856 76	$1236 34
Second "	1547 80	994 46	553 34
Memphis "	914 00	277 65	636 35
Tenn. & Ala. "	421 60	324 53	97 07
Virginia "	281 00	219 51	61 49
Arkansas "	351 75	175 70	176 05
Kentucky "	281 00	182 50	98 50
Texas "	140 60	50 00	90 60
Tampico "	35 00	19 75	15 25

Your Committee recommend that the sum of $7015 be appropriated for Synod's Fund, to be distributed as follows:

First Presbytery $3093 10
Second Presbytery 1547 80
Memphis Presbytery 914 00
Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery 421 60
Virginia Presbytery 281 00
Arkansas Presbytery 351 75
Kentucky Presbytery 281 00
Texas Presbytery 140 60
Tampico Presbytery 35 00

Your Committee recommend that the sum of $5,000 be appropriated for Foreign Missions, to be distributed as follows:

First Presbytery $2200 00
Second Presbytery 1100 00
Memphis Presbytery 650 00
Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery 300 00
Virginia Presbytery 200 00
Arkansas Presbytery 250 00

Kentucky Presbytery 200 00
Texas Presbytery 100 00
Tampico Presbytery 25 00

Your Committee would recommend that a special committee, consisting of J. T. Chalmers, O. Y. Bonner, S. W. Haddon, W. S. Castles, I. N. Kennedy, T. G. Boyce, J. L. Young, W. L. Patterson, be appointed to readjust basis of Presbyterial Assessments, said committee to report at next meeting of Synod.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Auditing Accounts respectfully report, That we have examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod and find it correct and accompanied by proper vouchers.

Rev. E. P. McClintock submitted the report of the Commission for the Texas Presbytery, and the same was referred to the Committee on Presbyterial Reports.

The report of the Committee of Home Missions was presented by the Rev. T. P. Pressly, and was considered item by item, amended, and pending final action, Synod took recess at 12.45 P. M. for an hour and a half.

MONDAY, 2.30 P. M.

Synod resumed business, the time for devotional services being occupied by a funeral service.

The report of the Committee of Home Missions was taken up, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We approve of the following recommendations of the Board of Home Missions and recommend their adoption:

1. Respecting Rules and Regulations of that Board.
2. Respecting the Plan of Co-operation with the United Presbyterian Church.
3. Respecting the Louisville Mission.
4. Respecting the employment of Rev. Orr as Evangelist and College Agent for three years.
5. Respecting the opening of Missions at Fayetteville and Covington, Tenn. (See report of the Board).
6. We also recommend that the Constitution of the Home Mission

Board be amended so as to make the membership of said Board seven instead of six, and that Rev. J. T. Chalmers be added to that Board.

7. That Dr. Grier and Judge Ira B. Jones be directed to go to Louisville, Ky., at an early date and, if possible, clear up the titles to the property there.

8. That a claim of Rev. E. E. Patterson for $30, although irregular, be endorsed.

9. We recommend the following assignment of laborers:

TO SPECIAL MISSIONS.

Bartow, Fla.—Rev. J. B. Hood.

Columbia, S. C.—Rev. J. G. Dale.

Little Rock and Jacksonville, Ark.—Rev. G. G. Parkinson for two years.

Rock Hill, S. C.—Rev. A. S. Rogers for five years.

TO PRESBYTERIES.

The Arkansas, First and Memphis Presbyteries request no supplies.

To the Second Presbytery—Rev. J. B. Hood for Bartow, Rev. J. L. Pressly.

Tennessee and Alabama—Rev. J. H. Peoples for six months.

Kentucky—Rev. Plaxco for six months, Rev. J. H. Simpson for six months, Rev. Griffith for the year.

Texas—Rev. Simpson for first six months, Rev. Hayes for the year.

Virginia—Revs. J. E. Johnson, J. R. McCormick, and E. E. Patterson.

10. That Rev. Boyce be left at the disposal of the Board, and Rev. Plaxco after six months.

11. We recommend the following appropriations:

FOR SPECIAL MISSIONS.

Abbeville, S. C	$300 00
Corsicana, Tex	800 00
Bartow, Fla	400 00
Louisville, Ky	500 00
Atlanta, Ga	900 00
Columbia, S. C.	700 00
Little Rock and Jacksonville, Ark	800 00
Rock Hill, S. C.	500 00

FOR PRESBYTERIES.

Arkansas	$275 00
First	500 00
Kentucky	100 00
Memphis.	200 00
Tennessee and Alabama	200 00
Second	445 00
Texas	400 00
Virginia.	300 00

12. That an appropriation of $7,015 be assesssd on the Presbyteries for the current year.

13. That the claims endorsed by the Home Mission Board be allowed. (See Report of Home Mission Board.)

The Rev. W. W. Orr proposed, and Synod adopted, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions, which makes the said Board a part of the General Committee of Missions be so altered as to read "that Synod's General Committee of Missions shall consist of the Superintendents of Missions of the various Presbyteries with the Board of Home Missions as consultative members."

The Committee on Young People's Societies presented a supplementary report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Supplementary Report of Committee on Young People's Societies

Your Committee on Young People's Societies recommend the following changes in the Constitution of the Young People's Convention:

That article I be changed to read, "This assembly shall be called the Biennial Convention of the Christian Union of the A. R. P. Church."

That in article II the words "One Biennially" be inserted after each of the words "Synod" and "Convention", and that the last sentence read, "The General Secretary elected by the Synod for a term of four years shall be a member ex-officio".

That in article VII the word "three" be changed to "two".

The Committee on Correspondence presented its report, and it was considered item by item. The item referring to co-operation with other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches was referred to the Board of Home Missions. The item concerning a delegate to the Young People's Institute of the United Presbyterian Church was referred to the Executive Committee of our Young People's Christian Union. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee would report first that a paper came into our hands from Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D., Chairman of the Western Section of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world, holding the Presbyterian system. We beg to call attention to the following facts in connection with the communication of Dr. Roberts:

1. That the work of the Commission is progressing favorably and the Churches in the Alliance, are under the blessing of God, being drawn

closer together in Christian fellowship and for the maintenance of the faith and order which they profess.

2. That the Alliance has suffered a great loss in the death of Rev. T. W. Chambers, D. D., LL. D., the Chairman of the Western Section since 1888, and the President of the Alliance at the time of his death. Dr. Chambers is spoken of as a man of great ability and dignity, of large catholicity of spirit and very earnest in the work of the Alliance.

3. That there have been two meetings held recently by representatives of the Churches of the Alliance in the interests of co-operation in Home Mission work. These meetings were called together as a result of a movement initiated by Dr. Roberts, of the Northern Presbyterian Church, Dr. Fisher, of the Reformed Church in the United States, and Dr. Owens, of the United Presbyterian Church. The first was a conference held in Pittsburg in October, 1895, of the officers of the Home Mission Boards connected with the Alliance and resulted in the following conclusion being reached: (See paper in Appendix.)

A second meeting was ordered, and to this meeting were invited in addition to Boards of Home Missions, Boards of Church erection, Sabbath-school work and Freedmen's work. It was held in New York January 30, 1895, and the following plan of co-operation was unanimously adopted by those present, representing, as intimated above, the Boards of Home Missions, Church erection, Freedmen's Missions and Sabbath-school work of several of the Churches of the Alliance. We recommend according to Dr. Roberts' request that these resolutions be adopted by the Synod.

4. Dr. Roberts asks for the payment of our apportionment of the expenses of the Alliance, amounting to $60. We recommend that this be paid.

5. We note that the Sixth General Council was held in Glasgow, Scotland, June 17–26, 1896. It was largely attended, and the discussions, as we learn from the reports in the newspapers, were of an able character. The meeting was pervaded by great catholicity of spirit and strong brotherly feeling. It is a matter of regret that our Synod, owing to the time of meeting and for other reasons, had no representatives present.

6. Your Committee wish to express its gratification at having with us at this Synod Rev. A. S. Vincent, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church. This Synod has heard his earnest address with pleasure, and heartily reciprocates its fraternal and Christian spirit.

7. We recommend that a delegate be appointed to the next General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, which meets at Rock Island, Ill., in May, 1897, and in accordance with a paper referred to us, we recommend that, in addition to the Ministerial Delegate, a lay delegate be also appointed. We also recommend that the Nominating Com-

mittee select delegates who are likely to attend, and that they be urged to fulfil their appointment.

8. We recommend, also, that a delegate be appointed to the Young People's Convention of the United Presbyterian Church, which meets at Indianapolis, August, 1897.

9. Your Committee regret that from the report of the Permanent Committee on Union, referred to us, no steps have been taken during the year towards effecting a union of the two Churches, but we are gratified to know that in Home Mission work we are co-operating, and that an arrangement for giving us a page in the Young People's Paper, the *Christian Union Herald*, has been made, a practical step, as we think, towards bringing the youth of the two Churches into closer relationships.

10. We recommend that the Stated Clerk be directed to communicate to the proper authorities the above action.

The report of the Committee on Presbyterial Reports was adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

Your Committee would report as follows:

We have received reports from all the Presbyteries except that of Tampico. We find from these reports the spiritual condition of the churches in all our Presbyteries is good. In the Arkansas Presbytery it is very encouraging. The general condition of the Church is better now than ever before.

The pastoral relation has been dissolved between: Rev. E. F. Griffith and Ebenezer, Rev. E. F. Griffith and Timber Ridge, Rev. T. W. Sloan and Charlotte, Rev. W. W. Orr and Huntersville, Rev. W. M. Hunter and Prosperity, Rev. W. C. Ewart and Edgmoor, Rev. I. G. McLaughlin and Back Creek, after a service of 53 years; Rev. W. H. Millen and Ebenezer, Hinkston; Rev. Jas. Boyce and Louisville.

DEATH OF MINISTERS.

Rev. Robert Lathan, D. D., of Second Presbytery, June 15, 1896.

Rev. James McKinney Little, of Texas Presbytery, September 11, 1896.

DEATH OF RULING ELDERS.

E. P. Chalmers, Second Presbytery.

James McBride, Memphis Presbytery.

J. W. Strong, Memphis Presbytery.

J. T. Hunter, Arkansas Presbytery.

J. M. Sterling, Arkansas Presbytery.

J. M. Laughridge, First Presbytery.

LICENTIATE RECEIVED.

J. G. Dale, Allegheny, United Presbyterian, 1896.

ORDINATION.

J. G. Dale, First Presbytery, Sine titulo.

CHURCHES ERECTED.

Bethel, Laurens, S. C., Second Presbytery.
Bradley, Second Presbytery.
White Oak, Second Presbytery.
Brighton, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.

ELDERS ORDAINED.

R. G. Rhodes, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
S. P. Hooten, Second Presbytery.
T. H. Shumate, Second Presbytery.
Thomas N. Hill, Second Presbytery.
T. J. Conaway, Second Presbytery.
C. C. Bell, Arkansas Presbytery.
J. N. Ross, Arkansas Presbytery.
J. M. McNair, Arkansas Presbytery.
P. L. Neal, Arkansas Presbytery.
W. T. Bell, Arkansas Presbytery.
Thos. Johnson, First Presbytery.
John Hethcox, First Presbytery.
Josiah Hunter, First Presbytery.
Dr. W. F. Strait, First Presbytery.
J. L. Wright, First Presbytery.
J. M Laughridge, First Presbytery.
M. H. Dwyer, First Presbytery.
A. F. Whiteside, First Presbytery.
J. M. Matheson, First Presbytery.
D. M. Moore, First Presbytery.
H. L. Wallace, Kentucky Presbytery.

DEACONS ORDAINED.

W. M. Kidd, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
D. L. Gault, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
John Galloway, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
Joseph Lindsay, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
I. B. McCalla, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery.
E. C. Stewart, Second Presbytery.
A. M. Hastings, Second Presbytery.
John Banks, Memphis Presbytery.
W. H. McQuiston, Arkansas Presbytery.
J. L. Spence, Arkansas Presbytery.
J. M. Grier, First Presbytery.
T. J. Pruitt, First Presbytery.
W. P. Covin, First Presbytery.
J. A. Black, First Presbytery.
J. L. White, First Presbytery.
Dr. M. W. White, First Presbytery.

I. F. McArver, First Presbytery.
F. M. Gallant, First Presbytery.
G. W. Patterson, First Presbytery.
W. I. Allen, First Presbytery.
John H. Wallace, Kentucky Presbytery.

INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. J. M. White, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery, Hopewell and Head Spring Churches.

Rev. A. J. Ranson, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery, Prosperity and Blanche Churches.

Rev. I. N. Kennedy, Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery, Elk Valley Church.

Rev. H. Rabb, Second Presbytery, Bethel, Head Spring and Providence Churches, Laurens, S. C.

Rev. T. W. Sloan, Second Presbytery, Troy Church.

Rev. W. H. Millen, Memphis Presbytery, Richland and Brighton Churches.

Rev. M. T. Ellis, Memphis Presbytery, New Hope and Prosperity Churches.

Rev. J. L. Young, Arkansas Presbytery, Ebenezer Church.

Rev. J. T. Chalmers, First Presbytery, Charlotte Church.

Rev. J. S. Grier, First Presbytery, Sharon Church.

Rev. W. C. Ewart, First Presbytery, Lancaster Church.

Rev. W. S. Castles, Kentucky Presbytery, Mt. Zion Church, Mo.

LICENSURES.

S. J. Patterson, Memphis Presbytery.
J. B. Hood, First Presbytery.
T. W. Hayes, First Presbytery.
A. S. Rogers, First Presbytery.
J. C. Douglass, First Presbytery.
W. B. Lindsay, First Presbytery.
L. I. Echols, Second Presbytery.
J. V. Black, Second Presbytery.

STUDENTS RECEIVED.

J. W. McCain. L. T. Pressly. R. E. Hough.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

Churches have been organized at the following places:

Cook's Station, Anderson, S. C.—Twenty-one members, two elders, J. W. Stewart and J. D. McDonald; three deacons, T. A. Watt, A. C. Townsend, and R. J. Stewart.

Jacksonville, Ark., September 18, 1896.—Eighteen members and two elders, J. M. McNair and J. N. Ross.

Rock Hill, S. C.—Thirty-one members, three elders, Dr. W. F. Strait,

R. L. Wright, and J. M. Laughridge; deacons, J. A. Black and J. L. White.

Taylorsville.—Elders, I. M. Matheson and D. M. Moore; deacons, G. W. Patterson and W. J. Allen.

MINISTER SUSPENDED.

Rev. J. J. Grier, one year, Second Presbytery.

MINISTER DEPOSED.

Rev. J. H. Moffatt, Virginia Presbytery.

MINISTERS TRANSFERRED.

Rev. J. S. Grier, First to Second Presbytery.
Rev. Calvin Pressly, Second to Texas Presbytery.
Rev. H. Rabb, Memphis to Second Presbytery.
Rev. T. W. Sloan, First to Second Presbytery.
Rev. W. H. Millen, Kentucky to Memphis Presbytery.
Rev. M. T. Ellis, Second to Arkansas Presbytery.
Rev. G. G. Parkinson, Second to Arkansas Presbytery.
Rev. J. C. Douglass, First to Arkansas Presbytery.
Rev. C. E. Todd, First to Second Presbytery.
Rev. J. T. Chalmers, Philadelphia to First Presbytery.

We find in the report of the Commission, which acted in lieu of the Texas Presbytery, that charges had been preferred against Rev. E. E. Patterson, which seriously affected his character as a Christian minister; and while these charges were not satisfactorily proven, the evidence in the case justifies the declaration that the accused was very imprudent, and did not act in a manner to maintain the irreproachableness of character which is essential in a pastor's relation to his congregation and the world.

We recommend that the report of the Commission be spread on the minutes of the Texas Presbytery as a part of their record, and that the testimony taken be preserved in the archives of the Texas Presbytery.

The report of the Standing Committee on Statistics was again taken up, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

The Standing Committee on Improved Plan of Statistics would report the following:

At the meeting of Synod in 1894, the Committee reported a plan of statistics consisting of a number of items.

A part of this report was adopted. The third and fourth items were reconsidered, and the whole subject was referred to the Committee for revision, with instruction to report to the next meeting of Synod.

The feature of the report on which Synod could not agree was as to the time of closing the annual reports of the Church. As a solution of this

question the Committee reported to the Synod in 1895 recommending that the time of the meeting of Synod be hereafter in May instead of October. This recommendation was overtured to the Presbyteries and resulted in its rejection. We recommend therefore the adoption of the remaining items of the original report as they appear on page 681 in the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. MILLER.
G. R. WHITE.

Rev. James Boyce made a verbal statement concerning the funds collected and subscribed for the Louisville Church, and asked permission to publish a full statement of this account in the Appendix.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. J. S. Moffatt, was adopted:

Resolved, That monies subscribed to the building of a church in Louisville, Ky., and not yet paid in, be not called for unless there is further notice to this effect, and that all monies already collected, in case they are not needed for the purpose subscribed, be returned to the subscribers or turned into such channels as they may individually request.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

1. Board of Church Extension—Rev. J. S. Moffatt, Rev. J. A. White, Mr. Jos. Wylie, Hon. J. K. Henry, Hon. A. G. Brice.

2. Board of Foreign Missions—To fill out the unexpired term of Rev. H. T. Sloan, D. D., Dr. J. D. Neel. To succeed themselves, Rev. F. Y. Pressly, D D., Prof. H. E. Bonner, and Prof. P. L. Grier.

3. Board of Trustees of Synod—R. C. Bernau, Prof. J. L. Pressly, A. S. Kennedy and H. E. Bonner. The term of the two last to end 1899.

4. Delegate to the Assembly of U. P. Church—Rev. S. W. Reid, principal; Rev. R. M. Stevenson, alternate.

5. Lay Delegate—Mr. Thos. Hardeman; alternate, R. A. Grier.

6. Alternate for Moderator's Sermon—Rev. T. P. Pressly.

7. Successor to Dr. Lathan as Chairman of Committee on Sabbath Reform—Rev. S. A. Agnew, D. D.

8. Committee on Orphanage—Rev. C. B. Betts, Rev. J. S. Moffatt, Dr. G. R. White, Messrs. J. W. Bigham and R. A. Grier.

A supplementary report of the Committee on Erskine College was considered item by item, and adopted. It is as follows:

Report of John R. Edwards.

RIO VERDE, S. L. P., Mexico, Oct. 9, 1896.

To the Board of Foreign Missions, Due West, S. C., U. S. A.

GENTLEMEN: In the good providence of God we are able to report your Missionaries at Rio Verde in the enjoyment of health and engaged in their accustomed duties. For health and daily blessings, and moreover for the preservation of our lives in the midst of a multitude of bitter enemies, we thank and praise our ever merciful and loving Father in heaven.

Since our arrival from South Carolina last December regular weekly and semi-weekly public services have been held at the Mission except when from necessity I was absent from home. Protracted services were held during the visit of Bro. N. E. Pressly in the month of July. Since the beginning of the year the interest and attendance have been steadily on the increase. From twenty to thirty attend the services, and sometimes more, notwithstanding the fact that we are passing through a season of unusual activity and persecution on the part of those who oppose the Gospel. The Spirit of God has touched the hearts of some, and during the past few months five persons have made a profession of faith in Christ. The first of these was an invalid and did not live long among God's redeemed on earth. The summons came two weeks after his baptism, but we trust it was for him a deliverance from bodily suffering and severe persecution to enjoy unspeakable happiness and sweet fellowship among the saints in heaven.

Mr. Leon, who was formerly studying under my care, after many professions of sincere repentance, was received back the latter part of last year. But after a further trial of about three months it was thought best to advise a discontinuance of study. It was indeed found necessary to suspend him from the sacraments of the Church. That was in the early spring. He soon repented again and appears to be sincerely endeavoring to lead a Christian life. He is now selling Bibles and distributing Tracts under the direction of a minister of San Luis Potosi, who has always thought well of him.

In order to encourage an interest in wholesome reading and to benefit in other ways, we have had sent us a small collection of helpful books. They are being read with a good deal of interest. Moreover, those who attend worship are assisting in paying for them. The weekly contribution for that purpose averages about forty cents.

Mrs. Edwards is now conducting a weekly woman's meeting that promises good results.

In April I attended the annual meeting of the Tampico Presbytery, which met in Tampico.

Much of our time for the past three months has been occupied in ministering, as best we could, to the hungry and sick. The poor at this

time are in a distressing condition; and how they are to endure the coming winter is difficult to say. There has been much more than the usual amount of sickness this year from lack of proper and sufficient food. We make many true friends by our feeble attempts to help them, and many have concluded that a part of our business is to prescribe for and help the sick, and it is, so long as God wills.

We have stated to you before the great need for a medical missionary at this station. Permit me to refer to it again, and with even more emphasis. Besides being of untold benefit to scores of suffering people, it would help forward the work of evangelization.

We would also call your attention to the importance of establishing a school here at an early day. As parents are brought more and more under the influence of the Gospel, they hesitate, and rightly so, about sending their children to schools where they will most certainly be influenced by the Romanists. But another consideration which should command our prompt attention is the fact that the youth of the city, as a whole, are growing up with but the scantiest education, and many without being able to read or write.

You are more or less acquainted with the progress which has been made on the Chapel. The building is nearing completion. The walls are up, the roof is on and nearly finished. We have yet to put in the windows, doors and brick floor, but if the present rains do not continue the masonry work can be finished this month. The wood-work will not be finished this month on account of sickness in the carpenter's family. We shall not attempt to push the work until we can receive further help from the brethren at home. We are now in debt more than one hundred dollars, U. S. Currency, and there is no source to draw from, besides we cannot afford to go in debt. We had hoped to receive $160 from the Y. P. S. of the Second Presbytery by October 1st, but so far we have not been advised what success they have met with. To pay off the debt, finish the building, buy seats and lights, we shall need as much more as the amount mentioned above. The building and lot will cost a little more than the $1,000. If we had kept to the original plan we could have paid out with that, but we saw that with the expenditure of only a little more money a much more substantial building could be put up. I think you would also justify the change were you on the ground. The money entrusted to us we have tried to use carefully, and if God continues to prosper us as in the past, we shall soon have an attractive and servicable building. We desire to thank you most sincerely for your efficient help and sympathy. Praying God's blessing upon you and that His Spirit may direct your deliberations.

I remain yours in Christ,

JOHN R. EDWARDS.

Invitation to a General Assembly of Christian Workers in Mexico.

To the Officers and Members of the Missionary Boards of the Evangelical Churches, in the United States of America.

BELOVED FELLOW WORKERS: We, the undersigned, represent by membership or appointment, the following Evangelical bodies working in the Republic of Mexico, to wit: The Baptist of the Northern Board and Southern Convention; the Congregational; (A. B. C. F. M.) The Cumberland Presbyterian; The American Bible Society; The Associate Reformed; The Friends of two annual meetings; The Presbyterian; The Methodist Episcopal; The Southern Presbyterian; The Methodist Episcopal Church South; S. D. A. Medical Mission of Guadalajara and others.

In the month of February, 1888, we held in this city an Evangelical Assembly, which lasted three days, and was productive of much good. From our experience then, and since, and after due consultation with nearly all the workers throughout the entire field, we are fully persuaded that the time is ripe for a second General Assembly of the protestant workers of Mexico. Evangelical Missions now have a record of over twenty years in this country, and most satisfying results prove that the hand of God is in our work. Notwithstanding the many difficulties of language, climate and cruel persecutions, we find that we already have over 600 congregations; 192 foreign and 585 native workers; over 7,000 in our day schools, and about 10,000 in our Sunday Schools; 18,000 communicants, and a protestant community of over 60,000 souls. Ten small publishing houses are turning out millions of pages each year, and our Church property is valued at nearly a million and a quarter of dollars, (silver).

This encouraging outcome, coupled with the fact that the entire country is open to our workers and Christian congregations are springing up on every hand, due largely to the operations of our Presses and the co-operation of the American Bible and the American Tract Societies, make it our solemn duty to study carefully the many problems which confront us, that Christ's kingdom may be established among the millions of Mexico, at the earliest possible moment, and in the wisest possible way. Certain phases of many questions, such as Missionary comity, Self support, Educational interests, Young People's Societies, Bible, Tract, Sunday School, Medical and Woman's work can better be treated in such an assembly than by our individual missions. But it is our firm conviction that our nascent congregations will be multiplied and strengthened greatly by a candid and full consideration of these and other questions. And this much desired result will bring greater honor to our common Lord.

For this end we plead for the co-operation of our Home Boards, by the appointment of one or more representatives who will be heartily welcomed and gladly heard in our proposed assembly, to be held in this

city, January 27–31, inclusive, 1897. The rapid and cheap means of communication, [with New York less than five days by rail from Mexico City] your generous provision these many years for the support of our work, and your well-known interest in the cause of Christ in this country, your next door neighbor, leads us confidently to expect a favorable reply, at your earliest convenience, which may be addressed to any of the undersigned.

Kindly give name and address of representatives and believe us, with fraternal affection,

Your Respectful and Obedient fellow laborers in the Master's Vineyard,

JOHN W. BUTLER, *President.*
W. H. SLOAN, *Secretary.*
H. W. BROWN.
W. D. KING.
H. P. HAMILTON.

City of Mexico.

Report of Neill E. Pressly.

TAMPICO DE TAMAULIPAS, CALLE DE LA UNION, No. 48:
September 29, de 1896.

To the Board of Foreign Missions:

GENTLEMEN: Your Mission of the Gulf Coast of Mexico registers a year of trial, privation and deep anxiety. It seems that this has been the most trying year of sad experiences in the history of the work. The territory embraced in the mission has suffered from a depletion of force, from most severe drouth, from sickness, poverty and famine, and this condition of providential circumstances is accompanied by a stringency of times unparalleled in the recolletion of the oldest inhabitants. The cost of living has been greatly increased and the financial pressure has been without a precedent. All this added to the embarrassing and faith-trying difficulties of a Mexican-Romish idolatry, has furnished an ample opportunity for the development of patience in the work of our Master. Faith and effort have been taxed to the utmost, but we have not given up, for hope brightens the horizon and we pray for a more glorious day.

The working force is almost the same as that of last year and is as follows:

Neil E. Pressly, Superintendent, Tampico, Tamaulipas; Rachel E. Pressly, Assistant Missionary.

NATIVE ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Pedro Trujillo, Tampico, Tamaulipas.
Ines Hernandez, Chiconcillo, Vera Cruz.
Francisco Mellado Meza, Tantima, Vera Cruz.

NATIVE LICENTIATES.

Pablo Morato, Chiconcillo, Vera Cruz.
Pedro Botello, unoccupied.

MISSIONARIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

Miss Macie Stevenson, Tampico, Tamaulipas.
Miss Mattie Boyce, Tampico, Tamaulipas.

NATIVE FEMALE TEACHERS.

Senorita Concepcion Basan, Chiconcillo, Vera Cruz.

Tampico has not been blessed with any great ingathering of souls this year, but the preaching has been regular and the attendance encouraging. The growing importance of the place, the building of government and railroad wharves, and we hear of volumes of business directed to this port on account of the deep water facilities, has attracted great numbers of people from far and near, suffering from poverty and absolute want, in the hope of employment, that they and their families might not starve. Numbers of these strangers attend our services and through them the seed has been widely sown. Among the members there is not that growth in spirituality that we would like to see and for which we pray; but when the social atmosphere, so contaminated with immorality, vice, crime and gross indifference to religion is taken into consideration, we cannot but see that some good is being done.

The congregation, in addition to paying the traveling expenses of the preachers to Pueblo Viejo and Las Lomas, has since last April been paying about one-third of the native preacher's salary in Tampico. The Sabbath-school has been well attended until the vacation months. The absence of the lady teachers and Mrs. Pressly makes a gap in the Sabbath-school corps of teachers that cannot be filled.

El Seminario de Tampico was opened on the last Wednesday of October, almost two months later than the last time, on account of the absence of the teachers in the United States. The whole number of pupils enrolled for the year was forty-four, with an average attendance of about thirty. Almost all of the pupils took part in the reading of the Scriptures and received special instructions on the Bible. Fully two-thirds of the average number attended services at the Church on the Sabbath day, and while the convictions of nearly all were favorable to evangelical religion, some dread the accusation that they are becoming Protestants. While the school was not so full as for the first years, more satisfactory work was accomplished. The number of pay pupils has been greatly reduced. For the year the receipts amounted to $381.15 and disbursements to $94.40, leaving a fund of $286.75.

Chiconcillo has had a most trying year on account of the lamentable poverty of the people and a scourge of small-pox. For three successive years crops have been very short and in some sections a total failure, but the present year has been without a parallel. The yearly rain-fall on this coast is about 170 inches, and it can safely be said that not twelve inches have fallen in the past twelve months, and the greater part of that since last July. The cisterns, springs, wells, branches and creeks dried up; no corn was planted until July, and that has been lost; the fields and

pastures were burned; cattle and horses died in great numbers; a great many people left their homes, and a great many have died of wasting disease brought on by the extraordinay heat, the want of potable water and necessary food. The corn consumed has been imported from the United States and sold at an enormous price, and to all this poverty and destitution many and large sections have been scourged with small-pox. This condition of things covers all the territory embraced in the coast-field, which is over one hundred miles long, and the destitution extends far beyond our limits, to the north, south and east. Our members are few in number, as compared with the great number of suffering ones; but poverty stares many of them in the face, and God only knows what will become of them until another crop is raised.

Preaching has been regular in Chiconcillo, but with more or less irregularity at El Estero, Palo Blanco and Tapa Boca. On account of so much sickness the services have not been well attended. Bro. Morato has had small pox in his family ever since July until recently. Quite a number of the heads of families and the young men have gone long distances in search of work and food for the needy families. It has been a trial of their faith and some have become desperate. The school decreased in numbers from sickness and was finally closed in May. In place of an increase of numbers we still suffer a decrease in numbers.

Tantima is suffering the same scourge. The services have been regularly dispensed, but there has been no increase. Death has claimed two of the most influential members—heads of families. These providences are hard to be reconciled, but we know that the Judge of all the earth will do right, and bow in humble submission to His will.

Panuco and Vega de Otates have not been any exception to the other portions of the field. Their disheartened condition has caused some to move away, some to return to the world and its vices, and all to think more fervently of their temporal than their spiritual welfare. Those who have been regular in availing themselves of an opportunity to hear the Word have been few. The preacher, Pedro Botello, became involved, and thus discouraged and disheartened, asked permission to give up the work for a time that he might engage in some business to enable him to pay what he owed, and since June there has been no regular preaching at either of the places.

Peublo Viejo has been weekly and alternately visited by the laborers located in Tampico. There has been an increase of hearers and interest in this one of our most indifferent and difficult places of labor. As in the other stations, their poverty is the most notable feature. The farmer has no crop, the gardener has no vegetables, and the fisherman but little return for his daily and nightly toil.

Las Lomas del Real has been regularly visited by the laborers located in Tampico, and, with very few exceptions, the spirituality of the members has been maintained. El Senor Garcia conducts a prayer-meeting

and Bible reading during the week and on the Sabbath days when the preacher is not with them. They have suffered from the drouth and the want of water, but the salt industry (salt produced by the evaporation of water flooded into an empty lake basin), which really maintains the place, has been very productive, and while the necessities of life are very high in price, as they are everywhere, the most of them have had work to provide the means for actual wants.

A consoling feature in our work is the number of appeals received asking religious privileges. Requests have come from Tuxpan, and two ranches seven leagues from that point, where we have several families; from Tantoyuca, Tempoal and Guerrero, all villages of more or less importance, but too far to visit from this center with any regularity and frequency. The field is opening, the harvest is great, and the laborers are few. For statistics of work in the stations of Gulf Coast Mission see table which accompanies this report.

The Board will allow me to suggest the very great need of some kind of a training school for a native ministry. No one understands better the difficulties which attend such an undertaking than your missionaries. The young men trained so often disappoint the hopes and anticipations of their teachers and the Church, and hence great care would have to be exercised in the selection of persons, and even then the best judgment is deceived; notwithstanding it is a necessity. The missionaries in every country are persuaded of its efficiency, and almost all missions have such a school. If men who have passed the juvenile aspirations and who have become settled could be found, and a course of Bible study of one or two years could be given them, good results might be realized. I beg some consideration on this subject.

We pray for greater strength, holier zeal, and an outpouring of the Spirit for the incoming year. Any relaxation of effort or abatement of zeal can find no apology in the want of success, and every year's experience confirms the fact that success will be commensurate with the interest, the faith and prayers of the parent Church. Means and men must lead to victory when those who furnish them are keenly and prayerfully in earnest. God calls for the work to be done, and to His direction and your care your servants in the work once more commend the cause in which they are engaged.

The Spirit of God aid, direct, counsel and bless you and all our Zion.

I am, gentlemen of the Board,

Your servant in the work,

NEILL E PRESSLY.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The only item of business which came before the Trustees was a request from Rev. James Boyce for a power of attorney to make a transfer of the Louisville Church property should there be occasion to make title. This request was granted.

The interest on the Torbit bequest has been regularly paid and has been turned over to the Treasurer of Foreign Missions, according to the terms of the bequest.

(Signed) W. M. GRIER,
For Trustees.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Board has gone on in much the usual way. Our Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. W. Orr, has spent nearly the entire year in college and evangelistic and mission work chiefly in the Western Churches, and with very gratifying results. We recommend his reappointment to this work for the period of three years, if the results are satisfactory.

We have been prosecuting new work in two cities, viz.: Corsicana, Texas, and Columbia, S. C.

Special Missions.

CORSICANA, TEXAS.

1. Bro. Orr was directed to spend three months in this city. This he did, and inasmuch as the outlook was so encouraging, when he left Rev. T. W. Hayes was sent there to labor until Synod. The outlook is most promising, and we recommend the vigorous cultivation of this field. We recommend that the Board of Church Extension appropriate $500 to this Mission to complete the payment for the lot and to secure the titles. We recommend that Rev. Jas. Boyce be assigned to Corsicana for the ensuing year.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

2. Rev. G. G. Parkinson has been in charge of the Mission for the year. There have been no special features in the work. We recommend the continuance of the work there, and that Rev. G. G. Parkinson be continued in charge at Little Rock and Jacksonville for two years, at a salary.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

3. No solution of the tangle in regard to the titles to the lot has been arrived at, and hence nothing has been done in building a new Church. Our Missionary, Rev. Jas. Boyce, has asked to be released from the work in Louisville. We recommend that his request be granted, and that the Synod place the Mission and property of the Louisville Church in the hands of the Board of Home Missions, with instructions to make such disposition of the Mission and property as in their judgment will be best for the interests of the Mission and the Synod.

BARTOW, FLA.

4. So far as we are informed, the work has progressed in the usual way. Rev. D. G. Philips, Jr., will resign the Pastorate and leave this Mission soon. The work there is in good shape. We recommend that

Rev. J. B. Hood be sent to Bartow. We recommend an appropriation for Bartow of $400.

ROCK HILL, S. C.

5. Rev. A. S. Rodgers was sent to this city in June, and the work is in a most prosperous condition. By direction of the Board, he has been canvassing for funds to erect a church building, and is meeting with success. We recommend that the work be continued, and Rev. A. S. Rodgers be assigned to the Mission for five years. We recommend an appropriation of $500 for ensuing year.

COLUMBIA, S. C.

6. Members of the Board have from time to time visited this city, investigating and prospecting, and Rev. J. G. Dale has been laboring there since August 1st. Twenty persons there, members of the A. R. P. Church, have signified their willingness to go into an organization. The promise for large growth in the future in Columbia, as a city, seems well assured, and an A. R. P. Church in that city is most desirable. We recommend that Rev. J. G. Dale be contiued in that city for the ensuing year. We recommend an appropriation of $700.

7. We recommend that the Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery open up work in Fayetteville, Tenn.

8. Also that the Memphis Presbytery open up work in Covington, Tenn., if the work can be done without entailing much additional expense on the Board.

9. We recommend that Rev. J. T. Chalmers be added to the Board of Home Missions.

10. This Board was directed by you to prepare a basis for co-operation in Home Mission work with the United Presbyterian Church. We have corresponded with the Board of Home Missions of the United Presbyterian Church on this subject, and a basis of co-operation has been approved by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, and we submit this basis with our approval. The basis is as follows:

PLAN OF CO-OPERATION.

1. Any joint missions in the South, in territory not occupied by a Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, shall be under the immediate care of the Associate Reformed Presbytery in whose bounds it is located.

2. When aid in money is asked of the United Presbyterian Church for joint work, the application shall first be approved by the Board of Home Missions of the Associate Reformed Church, and shall then be submitted, if the aid is asked for the support of ordinances, to the General Committee of Home Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, or in cases of special emergency to the Board of Home Missions, under the same forms and in the same way as like applications are made by United Presbyterian congregations. If the aid is asked for Church Erection, the ap-

plication shall in like manner be submitted to the Board of Church Extension.

3. The appointment of Missionaries in stations supported jointly by the two Churches shall be arranged by the two Boards of Home Missions, no Missionary to be appointed by either Board without the approval of the other.

4. The Board of Home Missions of the Associate Reformed Church shall be entitled to send a representative to the General Committee of Home Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, who shall have the usual rights of a consultative member; and the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Presbyterian Church shall be entitled to like representation in the body corresponding to the General Committee of Home Missions in the Associate Reformed Church.

5. The property of missions in the South, jointly supported by the two Churches, shall be vested in the Trustees of the Associate Reformed Church, in a manner similar to that embodied in the trust clause of deeds, or declaration of trust, used by the United Presbyterian Church. In case of incumbrance, alienation, failure, or other cause requiring cessation of the work and sale of the property, the proceeds shall be divided between the two Churches in the ratio of the contributions made by each for the work, the cost of the house, as well as of the lot, and all aid given for the support of ordinances, to be included in the estimates.

6. In congregations supported jointly by the two Churches, the contributions of the people for Missionary objects shall be divided between the two Churches in the ratio of the aid given by each for the work.

7. The Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Presbyterian Church shall have power to consent to any modification of minor details in these rules that may be found desirable.

Appended to this are the reports of our Corresponding Secretary, and of our Treasurer, which have been audited and found to be correct, and accompanied by proper vouchers, and a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws and rules.

The following claims have been endorsed by the Presbyteries and endorsed by us:

FIRST PRESBYTERY, SPRING MEETING.

Rev. J. A. Smith	$ 50 00
Rev. E. B. Anderson	75 00
Rev. J. M. Garrison	20 00
Rev. J. E. Johnson	48 00
Rev. J. A. White	30 00
Rev. H. Rabb	10 00
Rev. G. R White	10 00

FALL MEETING.

Rev. J. E. Johnson	60 00	
Rev. E. B. Anderson	75 00	
Rev. J. M. Garrison	20 00	
Rev. G. R. White	10 00	
Rev. J. G. Dale	100 00	
Rev. J. A. Smith	30 00	
Rev. J. C. Douglass	10 00	$ 553 00

TENNESSEE AND ALABAMA PRESBYTERY.

Rev. J. H. Simpson		$ 285 00

VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY.

Rev. E. F. Griffith	$ 100 00	
Rev. J. R. McCormick	200 00	$ 300 00

KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY.

Rev. Jas. Boyce	$ 500 00	
Rev. W. A. M Plaxco	20 00	$ 520 00

ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Rev. M. T. Ellis	$ 150 00	
Rev. J. C. Douglass	50 00	$ 200 00

SECOND PRESBYTERY.

Rev. F. Y. Pressly	$ 60 00
Rev. J. L. Pressly	30 00
Rev. J. M. Garrison	10 00
Rev. D. G. Caldwell	10 00
Rev. C. P. Pressly	10 00
Rev. J. B. Hood	10 00
Rev. J. V. Black	10 00
Rev. T. W. Hayes	10 00
Rev. A. S. Rodgers	10 00
Rev. W. M. Grier	20 00
Rev. W. L. Pressly	10 00
Rev. D. G. Philips, Jr	20 00
Rev. J. V. Black	10 00
Rev. C. E. Todd	10 00
Rev. J. C. Douglass	10 00
Rev. H. R. McAuley	10 00
Rev. J. B. Muse	10 00
Rev. W. B. Lindsay	75 00
Rev. J. L. Pressly	30 00
Rev. J. B. Muse	40 00
Rev. A. L. Patterson	6 10
Rev. C. P. Pressly	5 00
Rev. J. V. Black	10 00

Rev. A. L. Patterson	50 00	
Rev. S. W. Reid	150 00	
Rev. D. G. Caldwell	10 00	
Rev. C. E. Todd	10 00	
Rev. J. L. Hemphill	10 00	$ 656 10

MEMPHIS PRESBYTERY.

Rev. J. P. Erwin	$ 135 00	
Rev. Peter Bryson	50 00	
Rev. M. T. Ellis	15 00	$ 200 00

We have approved the item of $50 for Rev. Peter Bryson because it has been approved by the Presbytery, but wish to enter our protest.

ROCK HILL (SPECIAL MISSION).

Rev. J. A. White	$ 10 00	
Rev. W. M. Hunter	10 00	
Rev. J. P. Knox	8 00	
Rev. C. B. Betts	10 00	
Rev. J. C. Galloway	5 50	
Rev. J. E. Johnson	10 00	
Rev. A. S. Rodgers	140 00	$ 193 50

TEXAS PRESBYTERY.

Rev. C. P. Pressly	$ 350 00

We recommend that 7 o'clock to-night be fixed for a Home Mission Conference.

1. Rev. J. T. Chalmers to preside, and speak on Money as a Factor in Missions.
2. Rev. G. G. Parkinson, to speak on City Missions.
3. Rev. W. W. Orr, to speak on General Work of Home Missions.
4. Two minutes' talks by Presbyterial Superintendents of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GALLOWAY.
W. Y. LOVE.

Report of W. W. Orr.

To the Board of Home Missions:

DEAR BRETHREN: As the Corresponding Secretary of your Board I desire to make the following report of my work during the year now ending:

I have spent nine months of the year in the general work of the two Boards—visiting the Churches and holding protracted meetings. Some Presbyteries are reaching out and extending their borders in the Home work, whilst others are struggling to hold their own. I am persuaded that taking the work over the Church at large there has been progress made

during the year. So far as I know or have reason to believe, your missionaries have been faithful and earnest in their endeavors to hold and build up their respective fields. Nearly all of your special missions are in a healthy and growing condition.

I would like to call your attention to two fields in the West that in my judgment promise good returns if they are opened and vigorously cultivated. And I think they can be worked without entailing any expense on the Board and but very little additional expense upon the Synod. The fields referred to are Fayetteville and Covington, Tenn., the first in the Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery and the second in the Memphis Presbytery. Both are growing towns of some 3,000 or 4,000 inhabitants and are the county seats of their respective counties. I am told that the first has some thirty Psalm singers and the second sixteen. I would recommend that you urge the S. M.'s of the respective Presbyteries to make a thorough investigation of the fields, and if at all possible have work begun in each.

Immediately after the meeting of Synod I repaired to the Memphis Presbytery and held protracted meetings under the direction of the S. M. —Rev. T. P. Pressly. This work was kept up until the latter part of February, when by your direction I went to Corsicana, Texas, and labored in that mission for three months. I have already given you a report of this work. Since that time I have been constantly engaged in your work and work for the College. During the year now ending I have been at home with my family only six weeks, all told.

Below you will find a tabulated statement of the work done and monies received:

Seven meetings were held in Mississippi—Bethany, Ebenezer, Hopewell, Mt. Carmel, Guntown, Poplar Springs, and Blue Springs. Four meetings were held in Tennessee—Troy, Rives, Brighton, and Richland. Two meetings were held in South Carolina—Cook's and Woodruff, making 13 meetings in all during the year. In these meetings and in the local work in Corsicana, I have preached 290 times and received into the Churches 217 persons, and traveled more than 12,000 miles. Money received as follows:

Bethany, Miss	$ 103 25
Ebenezer Miss	126 20
Hopewell, Miss	65 50
Mt. Carmel, Miss	34 00
Guntown, Miss	51 10
Poplar Springs, Miss	43 25
Blue Springs, Miss	23 50
Cook's, S. C	95 05
Troy, Tenn	138 66
Rives, Tenn	110 87
Brighton, Tenn	125 35

Richland, Tenn	174 00
Woodruff, S. C	116 00
Total received from Churches	$1206 73
Cash received from W. M. Wilson, Eureka, Tex., (by error)	16 85
Cash from Home Mission Board on expenses to Texas	50 00
Amount of my note	90 00
Total for the year	$1363 58
Amount received from the 1st of July, 1895, to the meeting of Synod in October, 1896	321 28
Check from Rev. G. R. White, balance in full	23 12
Total amount received	$1707 98

EXPENSES.

Railroad and hack fare from July, 1895, to the meeting of Synod, 1896	$ 357 98
Salary for 13 months at $100 per month	1300 00
Expenses to Texas from the Board	50 00
Total	$1707 98

The three months, of the 16 months spent in the work, that was spent in the local work in Corsicana, Texas, was paid for out of Synod's fund by her Treasurer, Mr. A. G. Brice.

In closing this report, I would say that nine Churches have applied for meetings to be held in their bounds at the earliest day possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. W. ORR,
Corresponding Secretary.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Home Missions as Amended by the Synod.

1. This Board shall be styled "the Board of Home Missions of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South."

2. This Board shall consist of six members, three of whom shall be a quorum.

3. The members of this Board shall be elected by the Synod to serve for a period of five years, (see Minutes of Synod of 1892, page 370, Section 4th of the Report of Committee on Home Missions) and so located as not to incur expenses on Synod in attending its meetings.

4. The Board at its first meeting shall elect a President, a Secretary and such other officers as its needs require.

5 It shall be the special duty of this Board to carry out the plan of operation, recommended by the Committee on Domestic Missions as

adopted and approved by the Synod. The Board shall have general supervision of the whole work of Home Missions; and full power and authority to meet and arrange for any emergency arising during the year.

6. Every laborer who receives any amount of his salary from Synod's funds shall report quarterly to this Board. (See Minutes of 1889, page 38).

7. Presbyteries shall at each of their regular meetings make careful examination and correction of accounts of Missionaries for services and forward a statement of such accounts as are approved by them to said Board and on its approval thereof the Treasurer of the Synod shall pay the same, provided that a full statement of all such accounts for the entire year shall be embraced in each Presbyterial Report to Synod, and also in the annual Report of said Board to Synod.

8. The Board shall meet at least quarterly, and oftener, if necessary. It shall keep a record of all its accounts and doings, and shall make a full report annually to Synod.

9. The Board of Home Missions and Superintendents of Missions of the various Presbyteries shall constitute Synod's Committee on Home Missions. (See Minutes of 1891, page 263).

10 Said Board may employ their Corresponding Secretary as an Evangelist for whatever length of time the work may demand, provided the necessary funds can be procured without calling on Synod's funds.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Of the Board based upon the foregoing constitution and the various acts of Synod from time to time the Board has adopted and now asks the Synod to adopt the following regulations for the Home work:

1. As to assignment of laborers: (a) The Board shall keep a correct list of the assignment of laborers to the various Presbyteries by the Synod and report to the following meeting of Synod whether the laborers punctually and acceptably fi led the assignments of Synod, and if they fail, whether in the judgment of the Board they had sufficient reasons for their failure.

(b) The Board shall keep a correct list of all unemployed men in the Synod, and in case a vacancy occurrs in any Presbytery said list shall be forwarded to the S. M. of said Presbytery to choose from, and then the Board shall direct the one or ones chosen to repair to said Presbytery and labor under the direction of the S. M. And in case he fails to go the Board shall report said failure to the Synod.

(c) The Board shall not assign any one to labor under the S. M. of any Presbytery that is not asked for by that S. M.

(d) The Board shall have, if it so desires, the disposal and the direction of the Theological students during their vacation, and until the meeting of their respective Presbyteries, after their graduation.

2. As to investigating new fields: (a) The Board shall keep a vigilant

watch over the entire Synod for new and inviting fields, and whenever in their judgment, any place will warrant investigation looking toward a new Mission, then the Board shall proceed with said investigation, either through the S. M., in whose bounds the field may lie, or by correspondence or through one of its own members.

(b) In case the facts warrant the opening and working of the Mission the Board shall ask the S. M., in whose bounds the field may be, to proceed to open and work it, and in case he fails to do so, and unless he shows good reasons why it should not be worked, then the Board will proceed to use its best endeavors to open and work the field until the Synod meets.

(c) The Board shall recommend to the Synod through the Committee of Missions such places as it thinks should be made special Missions. By the law of Synod all stations receiving as much as $500 or more per annum are under the special care of the Board.

(d) All requests from Presbyteries for certain stations within their bounds to be made special missions must be sent to the Board and come to Synod through the Committee of Missions, with the approval or disapproval of the Board.

(e) The Board shall have the right to select suitable ministers to take charge of all special missions, subject of course to the approval of Synod. The Board shall not appoint a man to a special mission for a longer term than five years.

3. Evangelistic work: (a) The Board may with permission of Synod employ an evangelist for so much time as it may deem expedient.

(b) The Board shall employ this evangelist for the following purposes, to wit, to revive old settled congregations in which his services are desired; to arouse zeal in the Church for home missions; to hold protracted services in special missions; to encourage and strengthen vacancies, especially feeble, struggling, vacant congregations; to hold gospel meetings in destitute districts where there is no church organization. In case of vacancies the Board shall arrange for evangelistic work through the S. M. of the Presbytery.

(c) Unless specified by the Synod the Board shall have power to arrange all details of the evangelistic work as to remuneration, collections, places of work, methods, etc.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ERSKINE COLLEGE.

In making our Annual Report we herewith hand you the report of the President of the College, which is very full and comprehensive:

DEAR BRETHREN: With sincere gratitude to the Giver of all good we present this our Annual Report. Not in a period of thirty years has Erskine College enjoyed such a prosperous session as the one now closing. On the very first day there were more than one hundred present. The full enrollment is 120, the number in the College department

reaching 87, with 35 in the Tutor's department. The average attendance has been high, only about three or four dropping out during the year. The attention to work has been good. There has been a strong, wholesome sentiment in the student body which has contributed to the progress of our work and the orderly deportment of the students. During the month of January an epidemic of measles interrupted our regular attendance, but there is occasion for gratitude that there was no fatality connected with it.

Professor Caldwell entered upon his duties at the opening of the session and has deen diligent and faithful. Two young ladies have been in regular attendance on the exercises of the College during the year.

The Faculty are unanimous in the opinion that it would be wise to abolish the existing provision allowing a substitution of Hebrew for one of the modern languages. The design of the provision was to give the theological students a somewhat more extended course in Hebrew; but this purpose has been wholly defeated, the students without exception claiming credit for the work done during the College course. Not only is the work in this department no more extended by the present arrangement, but it is of an inferior grade. The combination of the literary and theological courses is found to be to the detriment of both. For these reasons the Faculty think it wise to go back to the former exclusively literary curriculum.

The amount appropriated for the Physical Laboratory, $150, was expended during the year, and has greatly enhanced the interest and value of the study of natural philosophy.

The Board is already acquainted with the fact that Mr. Joseph Wylie has added another gift to the list of his benefactions to the College in the splendid contribution of $7,000 to the extinguishment of the debt. No doubt the Board will make suitable acknowledgment of the same.

The special committee appointed by this Board will present a report on the experimental test of a College Home for those who wished to board at a lower rate than could be secured in private families. We take occasion here only to say that the effort has been entirely successful, and there is an earnest desire on the part of the students for a continuation of the same arrangements or a like provision.

The Tutor, Mr. J. R. Bell, has done faithful and acceptable work. His department has grown to about its full capacity. His reappointment by this Board is respectfully requested.

It is suggested that the Board at its present meeting take some definite action with reference to old Lindsay Hall. It should be taken down we think. As it stands it is an eyesore, marring greatly the general appearance of the campus; and then, too, it endangers the main building. There is a good deal of combustible material in it which might be easily ignited by a careless person. We hope, therefore, that the Board will see its way clear to have it taken down at an early day.

The approval of the Board is asked to the contract made by the Faculty with the Grand Rapids Seating Co. for the Assembly chairs, now in the Hall. These were delivered at $1.60 per chair; those on the rostrum, $1; the total cost being $1,604.50, one thousand dollars payable July 15th, prox., the balance on January 1st, 1897, at 6 per cent. interest from date of shipment of goods.

In closing this report I desire to tender to this Board, and through it to the Synod, my resignation as President of Erskine College, to go into effect at the close of the collegiate year of 1896-97. My reasons for this action may be briefly stated as follows:

1. The limit named will complete my quarter-centennial of service. It seems then a fitting time to terminate the existing relations.

2. Again, I have felt increasingly for a few years past that I must lay aside some of the work which I am attempting to do and that I must make my choice between the College, and the Seminary and *the Presbyterian*. I have chosen the latter, namely, the Seminary and *the Presbyterian*. Not because the work will be less laborious, if faithfully done, but because there will be less wearing anxiety and care. At a later date I hope to say something of the history of Erskine College during the eventful quarter of a century which covers the period of my official connection with it.

The Board is asked to confer the degree of A. B. upon the following members of the Senior Class who have com leted the full course: J. M. Bigham, W. R. Bradley, J. A. Brice, J. M. Cuddy, R. C. Davidson, J. W. McCain, D. P. Neil, J. L. Oates, T. H. Tolbert, A. M. Wylie.

All of which is respectfully submitted. W. M. GRIER.

We are glad to say that not only was the attendance large last year, but the College has opened with even a larger number this year. There are enrolled at present 128 students

Prof. J. R. Bell, who was re-elected at our meeting in June, resigned his position during the summer. The Faculty were requested by our Chairman to select a Tutor. They elected Prof S. P. McElroy, of Troy, S. C., who accepted and is now in charge of the Preparatory department.

Dr. Grier's resignation was not accepted, and a Committee of our Board was appointed to ask him to reconsider his action. To this Committee he replied as follows: "Dear Brethren: The action of the Board, reported through you, in declining to accept my offered resignation, is a mark of confidence which is gratefully acknowledged. To know that my service meets your approval is to me a source of sincere and profound gratification. I feel still, however, that the resignation should go to the Synod. I trust that everything about this matter will be directed to its final issue by the King and Head of the Church."

Lindsay Hall has been taken down at a cost of $99 88.

There still remains a debt of about $300 on the seats for the Auditorium.

The whole amount collected last year on tuition was $968.50.

$250 has been appropriated for catalogues and advertising.

At our June meeting the following action in reference to a Dormitory was taken:

Resolved, That a committee of five, including the President of the Board and Dr. W. M. Grier, be appointed to take immediate steps toward the erection of a Dormitory for the accommodation of from fifty to seventy-five students.

2. That Rev. W. W. Orr, the College Agent, be directed to raise the necessary funds for this purpose.

3. That the committee be instructed and empowered to secure as a loan from the Permanent Endowment Fund, or from Synod's Fund, or both Funds if necessary, at six per cent. interest per annum, all necessary funds not raised by the General Agent.

Revs. J. T. Chalmers, W. W Orr, and Mr. R. S. Galloway were appointed as the other members of the committee.

The contract for building the College Home was let to Mr. Orders for $8,600, according to plans submitted by Capt. Hook, of Charlotte, N. C. The work is now well under way, the masons having about reached the second story.

Dr. Grier has collected on the College debt $2,453.48, and Rev. J. S. Moffatt $967.50, during the past year.

The report of the College Agent is herewith presented. We have asked the Home Board to unite with us in continuing the contract with Bro. Orr for three years, provided the results are satisfactory to the Boards.

We have asked the Board of the Seminary to co-operate with us in employing a teacher of elocution for a few months each year.

We have granted a reduction of 50 per cent. in tuition to students coming three hundred miles or more.

We ask that Synod endorse our action in calling on the Churches to furnish the rooms in the College Home.

Adopted by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

O. Y. BONNER.

J. T. CHALMERS.

R. S. GALLOWAY.

Supplementary Report of Board of Trustees.

At our meeting this morning tuition in Erskine College was raised from $15 to $30.

A committee was appointed to arrange for celebrating twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Grier's Presidency of Erskine College.

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Preparatory Department of Erskine College be reorganized under the name of Erskine Fitting School (or other name selected by the Committee).

(a) With a Principal, who shall receive a fixed salary, not exceeding $600 per annum, for ten months, nine months to be spent in teaching and one month to be spent in an active canvass of territory contiguous to Erskine College, for students for this Department.

(b) That the School embrace three grades, or a three years' course of study, giving a course of thorough preparation for the Freshman Class of Erskine College.

(c) That two, or more if necessary, of the Professors of Erskine College be required to give instruction in this Department, at a compensation to be fixed by the Board.

(d) That a Committee, consisting of Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., Rev. W. W. Orr, and Rev. W. L. Pressly, D. D., be appointed to carry out the above resolutions, and that the change appear in the next Catalogue.

Report of College Agent.

To the Board of Directors of Erskine College:

GENTLEMEN: As the agent of your Institution I desire to make the following report:

Three months of the year, viz.: February, March and April were spent in the local work of the Home Board in the city of Corsicana, Texas. My work for the College during these months consisted almost exclusively in letter writing. The remaining nine months of the year were spent in traveling through the Church in the interest of the two Boards. I have made it a point at nearly all my protracted meetings to make public speeches, pressing upon the people the importance and necessity of educating their children, and showing them the superior advantages of Erskine College. In this way I have addressed very large audiences on the subject of education. In addition to this I have visited a good many churches in the interest of the College exclusively, as well as talked with scores of parents and young men privately on the subject. In connection with my public and private talking I have written a great many letters on the same subject. I am glad to say that the work has not been altogether in vain, as you now have more students in the Institution that you have had in the third of a century. In addition to those already in the College there are quite a good number of young men in course of preparation for Erskine in the various schools of the country.

I have also laid the matter of building a Dormitory before a few churches and find it meets with their hearty approval, and I have a subscription and a small amount of cash for that enterprise from three churches. In the judgment of your agent a canvass of the churches should be made at once for that purpose, as the work on the building is now in progress.

I am glad to state that my work this year for the Institution has not cost your Board a cent, as the collections from the Evangelistic work have met all expenses.

In concluding this Report I would make the following recommendation:

Resolved, That you order the publication of at least 2,000 copies of our annual catalogue, and that they be gotten up in strictly first-class style.

Respectfully your Servant,

W. W. ORR.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ERSKINE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

It is our privilege to report, for the past year, a year of quiet and profitable work in the Seminary, with perhaps the largest attendance in its history. Five young men, to wit: J. V. Black, J. C. Douglass, T. W. Hayes, J. B. Hood, and A. S. Rodgers, were furnished with certificates.

Two of the five brethren requested by Synod to deliver lectures before the Seminary, did so, viz.: Revs. T. W. Sloan and R. M. Stevenson. We think these lectures are profitable, and we ask that a similar arrangement be made for the next year.

An arrangement has been made to publish the Catalogue of the Seminary in the same cover with that of Erskine College. We hope to make this a permanent arrangement.

It is a great pleasure to us to be able to report to you that Mr. Jos. Wylie, of Chester, S. C., that good friend of the Seminary and of other institutions of the Church, has added another to his list of benefactions, viz.: A donation of $5,000 to the Endowment Fund of the Seminary.

Rev. D. G. Caldwell has tendered his resignation as professor in the Seminary, and Rev. F. Y. Pressly also, in case there is an election of a full professor. We recommend that these brethren be requested to continue in their respective positions as heretofore.

We have audited the Treasurer's report, which accompanies this report, and find it correct and accompanied by the proper vouchers.

Total vested fund	$30543 39
Total income	2075 43
Total disbursements	2111 24
Balance due Treasurer	35 81

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GALLOWAY.
F. Y. PRESSLY.
J. T. BIGHAM.

REPORTS OF TREASURERS.

TREASURER BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

FIRST PRESBYTERY.

1895.					
Oct.	30	—Amity, per E. B. Anderson	$	2 00	
		Sharon, S. C., per J. H. B. Jenkins . . .		15 00	
		Neely's Creek, per T. E. Patton		22 00	
		Ebenezer, N. C., per J. W. Kirkpatrick .		10 00	
	12	Unity, per J. Millen Stewart		3 00	
	15	Edgmoor, S. C., per J. D. Glass		5 00	
	24	Winnsboro, per W. H. Flenneken		5 30	
	30	King's Mountain, per J. S. Moffatt . . .		5 70	
1896.					
Feb.	25	Mrs. Rachel Crawford, per Rev. Stevenson		20	
March	12	Gastonia, N. C., per T. W. Wilson . . .		10 00	
	25	Union, S. C., per W. J. Reid		20 00	
	30	Clover, S. C., per W. B. Stroup		5 00	
Apirl	8	Bethel, N. C., per Rev. J. S. Moffatt . . .		2 00	
		Sardis, N. C., " " " . . .		13 00	
	9	Rock Hill, S. C., " " " . . .		2 00	
July	9	Charlotte, N. C., per T. P. Spratt		12 00	
Aug.	5	Chester, S. C., per Wm. Lindsay		28 00	
	24	Hopewell, S. C., per J. B. Bigham		20 00	
Sept.	12	King's Mountain, per F. Dilling		10 00	
	15	Crowder's Creek, per Rev. Stevenson . .		10 00	
	21	Sardis, N. C., per Rev. Miller		12 00	
		Tirza, S. C., per W. Walter Miller . . .		7 50—$	219 70

SECOND PRESBYTERY.

1895.					
Oct.		—Ebenezer, Ga., per Rev. W. L. Pressly . .	$	10 00	
		Mount Carmel, by Rev. A. L. Patterson .		6 00	
1896.					
April	9	Generostee, by J. W. Sherard		3 00	
		Welford, per Rev. S. W. Reid		3 00	
		Woodruff, " "		5 00	
		Concord, per Robert Morehead		2 50	
		Bethlehem (Due West), per M. T. Ellis .		5 00	
	15	Long Cane, per Rev. S. W. Reid		7 00	
May	2	Troy, S. C., per A. G. Brice		6 00	

July	27	Bartow, Fla., per E. C. Stuart	5 00	
Sept.	19	Head Springs, per A. G. Brice	6 00	
Oct.	8	Head Springs, Laurens Co., per Rev. E. P. McClintock	5 00	
	9	Atlanta, Ga., per A. G. Brice	5 00	
	12	Due West, S. C.	25 00—$	93 50

TENNESSEE AND ALABAMA PRESBYTERY.

1895.				
Oct.	1	—Prosperity, Tenn., per Rev. A. J. Ranson . $	3 00	
		Blanche, " " " " .	2 20	
		Bethel, Ala., by Voltz & Jones	7 75	
		Camden, Ala., by Miller & Bonner . . .	2 50	
	7	Elk Valley, Tenn., per J. L. C	3 00	
	18	Prosperity, Ala., by Dr. Donald	4 00	
	30	Elk Valley, Tenn., per J. S. Moffatt . . .	4 55	
1896.				
May	7	Bethel, Ala., per H. E. Voltz	10 00	
	11	Elk Valley, Tenn	10 00	
June	1	Prosperity, Tenn., per A. G. Brice . . .	5 00	
		Blanche, " " " . . .	1 00—$	53 00

MEMPHIS PRESBYTERY.

1895.				
Oct.	22	—Brighton, per J. A. McQuiston . . . . . $	2 50	
		Ebenezer, Miss., by H. D. Wiseman . . .	5 00—$	7 50

KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY.

1895.				
Oct.	5	—Hinkston, per John M. Thorn . . . . . $	5 80	
	30	New Hope, per Rev. J. S. Moffatt	5 80	
		Mount Zion, Missouri, per A. G. Brice .	5 00	
1896.				
Aug.	24	Mount Zion Missouri, per Thos. Reid . .	7 60	
Oct.	8	New Hope, Ky., per A. G. Brice	5 80	
	15	Louisville, Ky., per J. S. Walker	7 85—$	37 85

ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY.

1895.				
Oct.		—Little Rock, Ark., by G. G. Parksnson . $	2 50	
1896.				
March	15	Ebenezer, Ark, by L. A. Ratteree . . .	1 45	
April	20	Monticello, Ark, by R. B. Lesslie	4 50	
Oct.	8	Zion, Ark., by J. A. W	1 55	
	12	" " Rev. W. L. Pressly	60	
		Russellville, Ark., by W. H. Rowan . . .	3 00—$	13 60

VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY.

1896.

May	1	—Broad Creek, by Rev. McCormick . . .	3 60		
Sept.	2	Old Providence, Va., by A. G. Brice . .	10 00		
Oct.	8	" " " . .	6 00	—$	19 60

TAMPICO PRESBYTERY.

Paid by Rev. W. L. Pressly	$ 5 00	—$	5 00

RECAPITULATION.

To Balance on hand from last year		$	418 56
Total collections from First Presbytery . .	$ 219 70		
Second " . .	93 50		
Tenn. and Ala. " . .	53 00		
Memphis " . .	7 50		
Kentucky " . .	37 85		
Arkansas " . .	13 60		
Virginia " . .	19 60		
Tampico " . .	5 00	—$	449 75

MISCELLANEOUS.

To Coupons collected C., N. & L. R. R	$ 25 06		
Dividend from National Bank of Chester	6 00	—$	31 00
Total		$	899 31

PAID OUT.

1895.

Dec.	5	By Cash loaned Rev. H. B. Blakely . . .	$ 250 00		
1896.					
Aug.	5	Paid J. A. Black, donation to Rock Hill .	450 00		
		For stamps	1 20		
	15	Treasurer's salary	25 00		
		Balance on hand	173 11	—$	899 31

I herewith submit my Annual Report. From it you will see that all the Churches in the entire Synod, have only paid the past year $449.75, which is far below the demands of the Board. The Board has passed several applications, to be paid when the Treasury is in funds, but in the meantime these new enterprises may suffer before we can help them. I know of no remedy but to insist on the pastors of Churches to bring the matter prominently before their congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH WYLIE, *Treasurer.*

Deficits.

FIRST PRESBYTERY.

Elk Shoals.
New Stirling.
Pisgah.
Shiloh.
Yorkville.
Gilead.
Prosperity.
Hiddenite.
Steel Creeke.
Hickory Grove.
Smyrna.
Coddle Creek.
New Perth.
Winnsboro (paid in part).
Back Creek.
Huntersville.
Statesville.
Ebenezer.
Bethany.
White Oak.
Buford Monument.
Lancaster.
Gill's Creek.

SECOND PRESBYTERY.

Louisville.
Bethel.
Cedar Spring and Bradley.
Cannon Creek.
Doraville.
Ebenezer and Wrens.
Orleans.
Fairview.
Abbeville.
Grove.
King's Creek.

TENNESSEE AND ALABAMA PRESBYTERY.

Hopewell.
New Hope.

MEMPHIS PRESBYTERY.

Only Brighton and Ebenezer, Miss., have paid.

KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY.

All paid but Ebenezer.

VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY.

Timber Ridge.
Ebenezer.

TEXAS PRESBYTERY.

Paid nothing.

ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Pott's Station.
Shady Grove.
Saline.
Ebenezer.
New Hope.
Prosperity.
Wheeling.
Franklin.

Report of Treasurer of Parsonage Fund.

1895.

Oct.	10	To Balance on hand from last report . .		$ 110 83
	19	Cash from Richland Church, Tenn., by T. C. McQuiston, on note	30 00	
April	11	Cash from New Lebanon	30 00	—$ 170 83

Have paid out nothing on this fund the past year, and would recommend that this fund be transferred to the Board of Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH WYLIE, *Treasurer.*

Report of Treasurer of McMillen Fund.

1895.					
Oct.	10	To Cash on hand from last report	$ 883	08	
1896.					
Jan.	2	Cash received on C. & L. Coupons . . .	210	00	
July	2	" " " " " . . .	210	00	
		Cash in Bank, difference in checks . . .	58	99	—$ 1358 07

PAID OUT.

1895.					
Nov.	15	Cash sent to Dr. Grier for students . . .	$ 935	00	
1896.					
Oct.	9	Sent Dr. Grier	398	07	
		Balance on hand	25	00	—$ 1358 07

Invested Funds.

Notes of George S. Mower, Treasurer . .	$ 6782	29	
12 C. & L. N. G. Bonds, $500 each . . .	6000	00	
Bond of Dr. Grier, Chairman Committee	795	00	
Cash on hand	25	00	—$13602 29

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH WYLIE, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER OF SEMINARY.

INVESTED FUNDS.

1896.					
March	7	To Cash from Winnsboro Bank Stock . .	$1100	00	
April	18	J. M. Fudge, principal on note	500	00	
		Two notes from Income Account	513	76	—$ 2113 76

CR.

March	7	By Cash paid T. H. White for 2-mill bonds.	$ 1013	00	
May	23	Loaned Income Account	340	00	
Oct.	10	Balance on hand	760	76	—$ 2113 76

COLLECTIONS ON INCOME ACCOUNT.

1895.					
Oct.	10	To Balance on hand from last report . . .	$ 35	78	
	21	From Hugh Millen, interest	102	04	
Nov.	2	From Chester Mill, bond	17	50	
	30	From Lewis B. Fennill, interest	49	21	

1896.				
Jan.	2	Exchange Bank, dividend	20 00	
		A. H. Davega, by Mrs. Youngblood	57 50	
		Dividend Victor Cotton Mills	4 00	
		" Clifton "	5 00	
		People's Bank of Greenville	2 00	
	6	Dividend Winnsboro National Bank	44 00	
	8	W. H. Rosborough, interest	85 63	
		J. K. Henry	80 00	
	22	R. M. Ranson	40 00	
	28	Chester Mill, dividend	74 84	
Feb.	11	Collection on C. & L. Bonds	185 63	
	3	R. M. Ranson, interest	50 00	
March	7	A. H. Davega, interest	60 00	
	17	T. P. Mitchell "	16 85	
April	1	People's Bank, Greenville	1 00	
	3	A. H. Davega, by Mrs. Youngblood	57 50	
	10	J. M. Fudge, interest	110 75	
	27	Winnsboro National Bank, surplus	66 00	
May	2	Chester Mill coupons	52 50	
	11	Rev. H. B. Blakely, interest	16 65	
	23	Borrowed from principal	340 00	
June	30	Rev. R. G. Miller, rebate on tables	2 00	
July	1	Exchange Bank, dividend	20 00	
		Clifton Manufacturing Co., dividend	5 00	
	2	People's Bank, Greenville	1 00	
		C. & L. coupons	122 50	
		Victor Cotton Mills	3 00	
		A. H. Davega, interest	57 50	
		Merchants' & Farmers' Bank	9 41	
Oct.	1	B. M. Spratt, interest	160 00	
		People's Bank, Greenville	1 00	
	2	A. H. Davega, interest	60 00	
	9	Interest on notes from principal	21 08	
		Surplus Clifton stock, per July 10th	38 57	$ 2075 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

1895.				
Nov.	5	By Cash paid E. M. Andrews	$ 41 00	
		H. Baruch	28 69	
	21	Rev. F. Y. Pressly	1 44	
1896.				
Jan.	2	Joseph Wylie, salary	200 00	
Feb.	10	Rev. W. L. Pressly, salary	250 00	
		Rev. F. Y. Pressly, salary	100 00	
		Rev. W. M. Grier, salary	100 00	

Feb.	16	Rev. D. G. Caldwell, salary	100 00	
April	30	Elm Street Printing Co., diplomas . . .	5 25	
May	23	Rev. W. L. Pressly, balance salary . . .	750 00	
Oct.	9	Two notes borrowed from principal . . .	534 86	—$ 2111 24
		Balance due Treasurer		$ 35 81

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the Synodical year now ending. I am gratified to state that I have been able to pay the salaries of the Professors in full, and have reduced the debt borrowed from the principal $534.86, as my report will show, and I hope hereafter to meet all demands on the Treasury as they become due.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH WYLIE, *Treasurer.*

SEMINARY INVESTED FUNDS.

Note and Mortgage of J. L. Walker	$ 675 00	
" " J. L. and J. A. Walker . . .	278 75	
" of Calvin Brice	40 00	
" and Mortgage	3000 00	
" T. P. Mitchell	84 20	
" and Mortgage of Hugh J. Millen	1288 00	
" of Jeseph Lindsay	87 92	
" and Mortgage of J. K. Henry	1000 00	
Two Notes and Mortgage of Fannie Fenneli	1200 00	
Note of H. B. Blakely	100 00	
" of B. M. Spratt	2000 00	
" of W. H. Rosborough	986 92	
" and Mortgage of J. M. Fudge	397 00	
" of Rev. W. W. Orr	440 00	
" and Mortgage of Rev. W. W. Orr and others .	1000 00	
Bond of Joseph Wylie	5000 00	
Amount loaned to Income Account	2650 00	
12 Chester & Lenoir N. G. R. R. Bonds	6000 00	
5 Gill's Creek Township Bonds	500 00	
1 Share Victor Mills Stock	100 00	
" Clifton "	100 00	
" People's Bank of Greenville	50 00	
" Merchants' & Farmers' Bank Stock	100 00	
Chester Mill Stock	1450 00	
3 Chester Mills Bonds	1500 00	
5 Shares Exchange Bank Stock	506 60	—$30543 39

TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

W. L. PRESSLY, *In account with Foreign Missionary Fund for 1895-96.*

DR.

To balance on hand as per last report . . . . . $ 194 89

The following invested funds:

5 shares Farmers' Bank Stock, Abbeville, S. C. 500 00

5 shares Greenwood Cotton Mill Stock 500 00

The following contributions:

FIRST PRESBYTERY.

	Assessed.	Paid.
Amity	$ 7 00	$ 6 97
Back Creek	38 00	11 00
Bethany	60 00	58 00
Bethel	11 00	5 00
Brick Church	5 00	
Buford Monument	2 00	
Charlotte	33 00	33 00
Chester	110 00	110 00
Clover	10 00	10 00
Coddle Creek	52 00	35 00
Crowder's Creek	30 00	30 00
Ebenezer	44 00	
Edgmoor	16 00	
Elk Shoals	12 00	3 00
Gastonia	30 00	30 00
Gilead	38 00	
Gill's Creek	14 00	
Hiddenite	3 00	
Hickory Grove	16 00	
Hopewell	77 00	77 00
Huntersville	88 00	
King's Mountain	36 00	36 00
Lancaster	14 00	
Neely's Creek	82 00	82 00
New Hope	85 00	200 00
New Perth	23 00	
New Stirling	33 00	
Pisgah	71 00	65 00
Prosperity	22 00	
Rock Hill	5 00	5 00
Sardis	94 00	94 00
Sharon	63 00	63 00
Shiloh	40 00	
Smyrna	44 00	

Statesville	55 00	60 00	
Steele Creek	67 00	24 00	
Tirzah	45 00	45 00	
Union	75 00	75 00	
Amity	13 00		
White Oak	49 00	49 00	
Winnsboro	110 00	47 35	
Yorkville		16 00	$1270 32

SECOND PRESBYTERY.

Abbeville	$ 14 00	$ 10 00	
Atlanta	15 00	15 00	
Bethel, S. C.	47 00	41 00	
Bethel, Ga	28 00		
Bethlehem	10 00	10 00	
Bartow	14 00	14 00	
Cannon Creek	22 50		
Cedar Spring and Bradley	55 60		
Concord	10 00	10 00	
Doraville	28 00	15 00	
Due West	138 00	143 00	
Ebenezer	39 00	26 00	
Generostee	39 00	6 50	
Grove	15 00		
Head Spring, Laurens Co	15 00	15 00	
Head Spring, Newberry Co	7 00		
Hopewell	35 00	35 00	
King Creek	25 00		
Long Cane	60 00	47 85	
Louisville	53 00	50 00	
Mt. Carmel	20 00		
New Hope	5 00		
Prosperity	20 00		
Providence	10 00	10 00	
Thompson Street	50 00		
Troy	50 00	50 00	
White Oak	30 00	30 00	
Wellford	10 00	10 00	
Woodruff	15 00	15 00	$ 553 35

MEMPHIS PRESBYTERY.

Bethany	$ 47 00	$ 34 40	
Beulah	12 00		
Brighton	42 00	18 00	
Ebenezer	73 00	16 35	
Hebron	6 00		

Hopewell	32 00		
Mt. Carmel	18 00		
Richland	42 00		
Rives	26 00	26 00	
Salem	140 00	110 00	
Shiloh	8 00		
Troy	74 00	25 00	$ 229 75

ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Pott's Station	$ 43 00	$ 43 00	
Russellville	7 00	7 00	
Monticello	17 00	17 00	
Saline	27 75	3 90	
Hickory Spring	27 75		
Shady Grove	21 50	21 50	
Ebenezer	15 00		
Prosperity	16 65	7 00	
New Hope	16 65	16 50	
Zion	7 90	7 90	
Little Rock		5 00	$ 128 80

KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY.

Ebenezer	$ 22 10		
Hinkston	17 80	$ 17 80	
Louisville	31 00		
Mt. Olivet	4 60		
New Hope	22 20	37 05	
Mt. Zion	62 30	30 00	$ 84 85

VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY.

Old Providence	$ 64 00	$ 64 00	
Timber Ridge	16 00		
Ebenezer and Bethel	20 80	10 00	
New Lebanon	44 80		
Broad Creek	14 40	14 40	$ 88 40

TENNESSEE AND ALABAMA PRESBYTERY.

Bethel	$ 71 42	$ 71 42	
Prosperity, Ala	43 41	35 00	
Elk Valley	43 41	38 00	
Hopewell	21 70		
Prosperity, Tenn	24 96	14 00	
Head Spring	21 70		
Blanche	5 00	3 00	
Salem	3 35		
Camden	10 00	10 00	$ 171 42

TEXAS PRESBYTERY.

Richland	$ 21 80	
Harmony	16 65	
Corsicana	8 40	
Chicota	21 80	
Frisco	4 00	
Milano	5 00	
Buck Holtz	5 00	
Pleasant Point	2 00	$ 35 00

TAMPICO PRESBYTERY.

Tampico and connections	$ 20 00	$ 20 00	
El Maiz	14 25	14 25	
Italian Colony	1 00	1 00	$ 35 25

ARREARAGES.

1895.			
Oct.	12	Unity, S. C	$ 14 00
	14	Troy, Tenn	36 89
		Salem, Tenn	114 00
	15	Union, S. C	75 00
		Edgmoor, S. C	16 00
	16	Statesville, N. C	60 00
	18	New Hope, Tenn	24 00
		Bethel, Tenn	14 00
	21	New Hope, S. C	105 00
		Troy, S. C	28 00
	22	Texas Presbytery	10 00
	23	Coddle Creek, N. C	35 00
		Perth, N. C	14 16
	24	Hopewell, Miss	16 18
		Cedar Spring and Bradley, S. C	10 75
		Doraville, Ga	15 00
		New Hope, S. C	85 00
		Grove, S. C	1 35
		Concord, N. C	4 00
		Prosperity, N. C	5 00
		Elk Shoals, N. C	2 00
		Thompson Street, S. C	23 90
Nov.	2	New Hope, S. C	65 00
	5	Bethany, S. C	32 00
	8	Neely's Creek, S. C	42 00
	13	Hickory Springs, Ark	7 00
	25	Ebenezer, Miss	20 00
Dec.	6	Texas Presbytery	2 00
	12	Mt. Zion, Mo	9 00

	20	Texas Presbytery	2 00	
	21	Doraville, Ga	15 00	
1896.				
Jan.	6	Ebenezer, Miss	11 00	
	15	Generostee, S. C.	5 00	
	21	Ebenezer, Miss., per Mrs. Douglass	10 00	
	21	Back Creek, N. C	12 20	
Feb.	3	Generostee, S. C	3 00	
April	6	Elk Shoals, N. C	1 50	
	6	Perth, N. C	4 00	
	13	Shiloh, S. C	40 00	
	12	Mt. Carmel, Miss	8 00	
	15	Ebenezer, Miss	14 00	
	24	Troy, Tenn	7 11	
	29	Texas Presbytery	10 00	
Oct.	10	Ebenezer, Miss	1 65—$1030 69	

INCOME FROM INVESTED FUNDS.

Jan.	1	Dividend semi-annual on Torbit Bequest.	10 50	
July	2	Torbit Bequest,	10 50	
	7	Dividend semi-annual on 5 shares Farmers Bank Stock	20 00	
	7	Dividend semi-annual on 5 Shares Greenwood Cotton Mill Stock	20 00—$	61 00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

1895.				
Oct.	23	Perth, N. C	7 79	
1896.				
Jan.	6	Coddle Creek, N. C	94 00	
	6	Salem, Tenn	19 00	
	11	Bethany, S. C	39 00	
	11	Neely's Creek, S. C	25 50	
	15	Crowder's Creek, N. C	29 00	
	15	Clover, S. C	28 00	
Mar.	11	Pisgah, N. C	26 50	
	25	Bethany, S. C	19 50	
	25	Smyrna, S. C	20 50	
	25	Kings Mountain, N. C	33 75	
	25	Bethel, N. C	6 50	
	25	Pisgah, N. C	12 50	
	25	Sharon, S. C	28 50	
	25	Yorkville, S. C	24 50	
	25	Tirzah, S. C	8 50	
April	6	Smyrna, S. C	15 00	
		Gastonia, N. C	36 90	

		Ebenezer, Miss	1 00	
May	18	Pisgah, N. C	10 00	
	28	Smyrna, S. C	3 00	
Sept.	15	Tirzah, S. C	1 00	$ 489 94

MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

1895.				
Nov.	13	Tuition of Girls' School, Tampico	$ 104 22	
Dec.	21	Proceeds of sale of railroad bonds	1151 80	
1896.				
May	28	A friend, Corsicana, Tex	3 00	
June	13	Rev. J. E. Johnson, S. C	2 80	
July	15	Rev. N. E. Pressly, Tampico, Mex., (am't allowed him for children under 16 y'rs)	225 00	
Sept.	7	W. W. Patton, Due West	1 00	
	14	Due West (for completing Chapel at Rio Verde, Mex.)	25 00	
	29	Miss L. E. Marlin, Brownsville, Ga., (for completing Chapel at Rio Verde, Mex.)	5 00	
Oct.	10	Christian Union, Gastonia, N. C., (for completing Chapel at Rio Verde, Mex.)	5 45	$1523 27

CR.

By the following payments made to Rev. N. E. Pressly for that part of the field of which Tampico is the centre:

1895.			
Oct.	22	$ 104 80	
Nov.	4	200 00	
Dec.	13	200 00	
1896.			
Jan.	8	104 22	
Mar.	23	225 00	
April	24	300 00	
June	9	200 00	
July	15	225 00	
	20	42 75	
	24	200 00	
Sept.	28	250 00	$2051 77

By the following payments to Rev. J. S. A. Hunter for that part of the field of which Ciudad del Maiz is the centre:

1895.			
Oct.	22	$ 100 00	
Nov.	4	150 00	
1896.			
Mar.	25	357 00	
May	21	200 00	

June	9		110 00	
			50 00	
July	2		200 00	
	17		100 00	
Aug.	26		40 00	
Sept.	28		15 25	
		Travelling expenses from Spottswood, Va., to Philadelphia and return	24 95	
Oct.	9	Amount paid J. P. Frick, N. Y., on order of Rev. J. S. A. Hunter	33 75	$1380 95

By the following payments made to Rev. J. R. Edwards for the territory of which Rio Verde is the centre:

1895.				
Nov.	1		$ 25 00	
	23		300 00	
1896.				
Jan.	31		12 00	
Feb.	15		200 00	
April	24		200 00	
June	4		46 00	
July	2		100 00	
Sept.	8		200 00	
Oct.	9	Amount paid J. P. Frick, N. Y., on order of Rev. J R. Edwards	40 00	$1123 00

By the following payments to Miss Macie Stevenson:

1895.				
Oct.	22		$ 45 00	
Nov.	24		100 00	
Dec.	31		55 00	
1896.				
Mar.	3		100 00	
May	4		100 00	
Aug.	25		100 00	$ 500 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

1895.				
Nov.	13	Express on R. R. bond ($1,000) to Charleston	$ 1 50	
1896.				
Jan.	7	Paid for 3½ shares Farmers' Bank stock, Abbeville, S. C	350 00	
	8	Paid for 1½ shares Farmers' Bank stock, Abbeville, S. C	150 00	
Mar.	16	Paid for 5 shares of stock in the Greenwood Cotton Mill	500 00	

31	Amount appropriated by the Board to assist Miss Kate Neel in prosecuting her medical course	50 00	$1051 50
	Total expended		$6107 22
	Salary of Treasurer		200 00
	Grand total expended		$6307 22

RECAPITULATION.

Balance on hand as per last report			$ 194 89
Contributions of First Presbytery		$1270 32	
" Second "		553 35	
" Memphis "		229 75	
" Arkansas "		128 80	
" Kentucky "		84 85	
" Virginia "		88 40	
" Tenn. and Ala. "		171 42	
" Texas "		35 00	
" Tampico "		35 25	$2597 14
Arrearages			1030 69
Income from Invested Fund			61 00
Special collection			489 94
Miscellaneous			1523 27
Grand total, including bal. on hand			$5896 93
Whole amount expended			6307 22
Deficit			$ 410 29

Department Woman's Work.

W. L. PRESSLY, *In Account with Department of Woman's Work for 1895 and 1896:*

1895.		DR.	
Oct. 17	To L. M. S., Saline, Ark	$ 10 00	
24	" Head Spring, S. C	10 00	
26	" Prosperity, Tenn	5 00	
Nov. 13	" Hopewell, S. C	15 00	
Dec. 6	L. B. S., Doraville, Ga	5 00	
1896.			
Jan. 11	L. M. S., Old Providence, Va	5 00	
13	" Neely's Creek, S. C	25 00	
29	" Winnsboro, S. C	40 00	
31	L. B. S., Coddle Creek, N. C	20 00	
Feb. 10	L. A. S., Gastonia, N. C	10 00	

	13	L. M. S., Huntersville, N. C	25 00	
		" Long Cane, S. C	5 00	
	19	L. B. S., White Oak, Ga	5 00	
April	6	L. M. S., Sterling, N. C	10 00	
	8	L. B. S., Troy, Tenn	25 00	
	18	L. M. and B. S., Union, S. C	25 00	
	22	L. A. S., Sharon, "	20 00	
	28	W. M. S., Tirzah, "	15 00	
May	7	L. M. S., Chester, "	60 00	
	15	" Hickory Spring, Ark	5 00	
	16	L. B. and M. S., Salem, Tenn	25 00	
	27	L. M. S., Ebenezer, N. C	40 00	
July	15	L. B. S., Doraville, Ga	5 00	
Aug.	4	L. M. S., Due West, S. C	25 00	
	18	" Smyrna, S. C	15 00	
	20	" Richland, Tenn	10 00	
	26	L. A. S., Bethel, S. C	15 00	
Sept.	10	L. M. S., King's Mountain, N. C	10 00	
	12	L. A. S., Elk Valley, Tenn	5 00	
	17	L. M. S., Old Providence, Va	5 00	
		L. A. S., Bethel and Ebenezer, Va	5 00	
	19	L. B. S., Shiloh, S. C	8 00	
		L. A. S., Edgmoor, S. C	10 00	
	28	L. M. S, Hinkston, Ky	10 00	
		" Ebenezer, Ga	10 00	
		" Troy, S. C	10 00	
		" Pisgah, N. C	20 00	
	29	L. B. S., Ebenezer, Miss	5 00	
		L. M. and B. S, Union, S. C	25 00	
Oct.	1	L. M. S., Statesville, N. C	12 00	
	2	" Woodruff, S. C	5 00	
		" Wellford, "	3 00	
		" Long Cane, "	15 00	
	6	" Due West, "	15 00	
		" Clover, "	5 00	
		" Shady Grove, Ark	10 00	
	7	" Bethany, S. C	15 00	
		" Bethany, Miss	10 00	
		" Sardis, N. C	25 00	
		" Pott's Station, Ark	5 00	$ 718 00

1895. CR.

		By deficit as per last report		$ 556 13
Nov.	24	Amount paid Miss Lavinia Neel	$ 100 00	
		Mattie Boyce	100 00	

Dec. 31	Lavinia Neel	115 50		
	Mattie Boyce	100 00		
1896.				
March 3	Lavinia Neel	100 00		
	Mattie Boyce	100 00		
May 4	"	100 00		
	Lavinia Neel	100 00		
Aug. 25	"	100 00		
	Mattie Boyce	100 00		$1015 50
	Whole amount expended			$1571 63
	Whole amount received			718 00
	Deficit			$ 873 63

Young People's Missionary Societi s.

W. L. PRESSLY, *In Account with Y. P. M. Societies for 1895 and 1896:*

1895.	DR.			
	To Balance on hand as per last report . . .	$ 302 96		
Oct. 21	Children's Society, Doraville Ga	10 00		
24	Y. P. M. S., Generostee, S C	8 91		
Dec. 23	Busy Bees, Newberry, S. C	6 00		
1896.				
Jan. 13	One Cent Band, Louisville, Ga	1 20		
22	Y. P. M. S., Shiloh, S. C	10 00		
Feb. 25	" Salem, Tenn	43 00		
Mar. 16	Busy Bees, Newberry, S. C	9 00		
May 27	Little Helpers, Ebenezer, N. C	6 00		
Aug. 11	Y. P. M. S., Salem, Tenn	25 00		
Oct. 10	" Coddle Creek, N. C	10 00		$ 432 07
1895.	CR.			
Nov. 4	By Amount of contributions of Y. P. M S. of Salem, Tenn., for Italian Colony (see report for last year)	$ 50 00		
1896.				
Jan. 22	Amount sent Rev. N. E. Pressly for Chiconcillo	300 00		$ 350 00
	Balance on hand			$ 82 07

Fund for Building Church at El Maiz.

W. L. PRESSLY, *In Account with Fund for Building Church at El Maiz for 1895 and 1896:*

1895.		DR.		
		To Amount on hand as per last report . . .		$1596 69
Oct.	22	Mrs. Stewart Adams and Miss S. E Marlin, Ill	$ 4 00	
		Bethany and Pott's Station, Ark	4 75	
		Y. P. M. S., Shady Grove, Ark	5 00	
	24	Gilead and Prosperity, N. C	3 25	
		Erskine League, Hinkston, Ky	5 00	
Nov.	8	Y. L. M. S., New Lebanon, W. Va	20 50	
	13	L. J. Stevenson, Pa	2 00	
Dec.	6	Smyrna, S. C	3 19	
	11	Timber Ridge, Va	6 00	
		Ebenezer, Va	4 25	
	13	Due West, S C	10 45	
1896.				
Jan.	10	L. M. S., Troy, Tenn	10 00	
		Rev. J. S. A. Hunter, Agent	1000 00	
	30	Bequest of Miss L. J. Galloway	600 00	
Feb.	10	Miss Mattie Brice, Troy, Tenn	1 00	
		Mrs. M. B. Moffatt, "	1 00	
	12	Miss Mary Duncan, Ark	1 00	
	17	James H. McCaw, Tenn	20 00	
		J Frank Orr, N. C	3 00	
Mar.	21	Rev. J. S. A. Hunter, Agent	1162 20	
April	15	" "	100 00	
	17	Grier Love, N. C	5 00	
		Rev. J. C. Galloway, N. C	5 00	
		Olive Plants, "	3 00	
	20	Woodruff, S. C	33 90	
May	6	Rev. J. S. A. Hunter, Agent	175 39	
		Mrs. Elizabeth Gault, Tenn	1 00	
		Miss Mary Jane Kid, "	50	
		A friend, Va	25	
	8	S. S., Hopewell, S. C	3 00	
June	9	Rev. J. S. A. Hunter, Agent	79 60	
July	2	Miss Eva L. Hickman, Va	5 00	
		Miss Louetta Hickman, Va	1 00	
		Mrs. Mattie Hickman, Va	50	
		Louis Hickman, Va	2 00	
	9	Miss Mag Moffatt, Tenn	1 00	
		C. P. Green, Va	1 00	
		Rev. E. F. Griffith, Va	5 00	

	17	S. S., Bethany, S. C	5 95	
Aug.	6	(For Church bell at El Maiz) King's Mountain, N. C	37 50	
Sept.	28	Coddle Creek, N. C	1 50	
Oct	8	Bethany, Miss	2 50	$3336 18
		Total, including bal. on hand per last report		$4932 87
		Whole amount paid out		3297 11
		Amount on hand		$1635 76

1895 CR.

Jan.	4	By telegrams, arranging appointments for Rev. J. S. A. Hunter	$ 1 14	
	15	Travelling expenses of Rev. J. S. A. Hunter, Agent	95 78	
April	29	Balance on travelling expenses of Rev. J. S. A. Hunter, Agent	175 39	
May	22	Amount sent Rev. J. S. A. Hunter	500 00	
June	2	" "	1000 00	
	9	" "	79 60	
July	2	" "	500 00	
Aug.	7	" "	20 00	
	10	" "	495 93	
	21	Amount paid F. A. Drew Glass Co., on order of Rev. J. S. A. Hunter	41 95	
Sept.	10	Amount paid J. L. McDill, on order of Rev J. S. A. Hunter	11 32	
	11	Amount sent Rev. J. S A. Hunter	200 00	
	22	" Meneely & Co., on order of Rev. J. S. A. Hunter	126 00	
Oct.	2	Amount paid Miss Ximena Hunter, on order of Rev. J. S. A. Hunter	50 00	$3297 11

Fund for Building School House at El Maiz.

W. L. PRESSLY, *In Account with Fund for Building School House at El Maiz, Mexico, for 1895 and 1896:*

1895. DR.

		To balance on hand as per last report	$ 369 26	
Oct.	19	L. A. S., Richland, Texas	5 00	
	23	Bethany and Pott's Station, Ark	3 25	
	24	Y. L. M. S., Troy, S. C	6 65	
Nov.	8	Willing Workers, New Lebanon, W. Va	63	
	18	Y. L. M. S., Troy, S. C	3 60	
	19	S. S., Due West, S. C	8 00	
Dec.	6	Ella Stirling (sanctified eggs)	1 10	

1896.				
Jan.	1	S. S., Woodruff, S. C	2 00	
	4	S. S. class of J. G. McCain, Salem, Tenn	2 00	$ 401 49

TREASURER OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

G. R. WHITE, *In Account with the Evangelistic Fund for the year ending October 10, 1896:*

1895.		DR.		
Oct.	27	To balance from last report	$ 830 94	
Dec.	19	M. H. M. S., Sharon, S. C	15 00	
1896.				
Jan.	17	M. H. M. S., Old Providence, Va	5 00	
May	11	First National Bank, Charlotte, N. C., int	15 42	
		A friend, for the work in Texas	10 00	
June	21	M. H. M. S., Ebenezer, N. C	2 80	
Aug.	3	" Sardis, "	10 00	
Sept.	21	" " "	10 00	
Oct.	9	Refunded by A. G. Brice, Synod's Treasurer, amount advanced Rev. G. G. Parkinson in November, 1895, by Rev. W. W. Orr	50 00	
		Bethany, Miss	103 25	
Nov.	1	Ebenezer, "	126 20	
Dec.	1	Hopewell, "	65 50	
	16	Mt. Carmel, "	34 00	
	22	Guntown, "	51 10	
1896.				
Feb.		Poplar Springs, Miss	43 25	
		Blue Springs, "	23 50	
July	19	Cook's, S. C	95 05	
Aug.	9	Troy, Tenn	138 66	
	25	Rives, "	110 87	
Sept.	6	Brighton, "	125 35	
	16	Richland, "	174 00	
Oct.	11	Woodruff, S. C	116 00	
		Eureka, Texas, in 1895, by error	16 85	$2172 74

1895.		CR.		
Nov.	16	—Rev. W. W. Orr, on salary	$ 100 00	
1896.				
Jan.	10	Blank book for Treasurer	48	
Feb.	5	Rev. H. B. Blakely, donation for completing Church in Atlanta, Ga	25 00	
April	13	Rev. W. W. Orr, expenses connected with work in Corsicana, Tex	50 00	
June	19	Advanced to Rev. T. W. Hayes (loan to Synod's Fund)	25 00	

Sept. 14	Printing 500 "circulars"	1 00		
Oct. 12	3 doz. Bible Songs for Columbia Mission .	9 00		
	Postage and stationery	1 00		
22	Rev. W. W. Orr, R. R. and hack fare, from July, 1895, to meeting of Synod in 1896	357 98		
	Balance on salary in full, for 13 months at $100 per month	1005 00		
	By error in last report	10 00	—$1584 46	
	Balance.			$ 588 28

INVENTORY.

Certificate of Deposit, First National Bank, Charlotte, N. C	$ 407 67	
Deposited in First National Bank, subject to check	165 61	
Rev. T. B. Stewart's note	15 00	—$ 588 28

Rock Hill Mission Fund.

G. R. WHITE, *In Account with the Rock Hill Mission Fund:*

1895.		DR.		
Oct. 27	M. H. M. S., Huntersville, N. C	$ 15 00		
Nov. 5	" Ebenezer, Va	5 00		
Dec. 17	" Smyrna, S. C	20 00		
1896.				
Jan. 17	" Old Providence, Va	5 00		
24	" Huntersville, N. C	8 00		
29	" Hickory Grove, S. C	10 00		
April 9	" Sharon, S. C	10 00		
June 25	Erskine League, Pisgah, N. C	10 00		
July 1	M. H. M. S., Charlotte, "	5 00		
Aug. 3	" "	5 00		
Oct. 10	L. M. S., Steele Creek, "	10 00		
13	M. H. M. S., Steele Creek, "	20 00	—$ 123 01	

CR.

By deficit from last report		$ 3 00
Balance.		$ 120 01

Respectfully submitted,
G. R. WHITE, *Treasurer.*
(Audited and found correct.)

TREASURER OF ERSKINE COLLEGE.

GEO. S. MOWER, Treasurer, *In Account with Erskine College Funds for Year 1895-96:*

I. GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

	Endowment.	Income.
Balance	$ 1819 50	
J. C. Myers		$ 255 00
J. P. Adams		35 76
On Building Fund Debt	1305 46	444 48
Miss Julia Miller	372 75	7 45
Henry M. Young, Adm'r	997 91	184 48
Henry M. Young, Adm'r	32 18	135 43
M. L. Werber, Ex'tr'x		13 62
A. E. Woodward		55 00
B. B. Hair		40 00
J. J. Suber		75 00
M. E. Cooley	29 87	10 13
C., St. L. & N. O. R. R. Coupons		140 00
S. C. Dennis		150 00
D. A. Dickert		6 80
L. C. Boozer	18 38	4 12
D. T. Wicker	35 00	
Atlanta Coupons		80 00
Jas. A. Reid		149 85
W. H. Robinson	20 97	89 50
10 Shares Abbeville National Bank Stock	1250 00	30 00
Piedmont Manufacturing Co		350 00
Jos. Wylie's obligation cr. on Building Fund Debt	7000 00	
J. J. Lane	394 86	75 14
Greenwood Cotton Mill		4 00
People's Bank		3 00
J. S. Sloan		9 00
R. W. Haddon	75 76	3 82
W. H. Hunt		80 00
E. H. Aull		100 00
S. Pressly		10 00
W. H. Millen	18 12	6 88
J. R. C. Dunn		155 75
S. B. Jones	200 00	35 40
Diploma		5 00
J. M. Taylor	176 38	23 62
L. W. White		80 00

W. C. Brown, Ex'or		33 00
M. C. Sibert		50 00
T. G. Baker		199 50
J. F. Agnew		99 75
N. C. Harris	300 00	30 54
J. E. Todd		20 40
E. P. McClintock		48 00
M. A. Carlisle		51 25
Lancaster County Coupons		12 00
Wheeler & Moseley		500 00
Balance		2369 55
	$14047 14	$6262 22

PAYMENTS, ETC

Balance		$1678 54
M. C. Dickert	$ 220 85	
Jos. Wylie's obligation	7000 00	
J. H. Smith	500 00	
Insurance		250 00
R. T. C. Hunter	110 00	
R. L. Bryan & Co		5 95
J. C. Douglass	125 00	
Newberry Savings Bank, 4 shares	200 00	
S. T. Brown	250 00	
National Bank of Abbeville, 10 shares	1250 00	
Greenwood Cotton Mills, 1 share	100 00	
Incidental expenses		40 23
C. E. Summer et. al	842 46	
A. B. Harmon	300 00	
Salaries, 94–95 balance		642 50
On salaries 95–96		3390 00
Treasurer's salary		250 00
Postage, etc		5 00
Balance	3148 83	
	$14047 14	$6262 22

II. JOSEPH WYLIE PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance	$ 100 00	
Jos. Wylie		$ 400 00
S. H. F. Pope		400 00
	$ 100 00	$ 800 00

PAYMENTS.

Geo. G. Jones	$ 100 00	
W. M. Grier		$ 800 00
	$ 100 00	$ 800 00

III. DUANE MOWER SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance	$ 61 64	$ 122 40
E. R. Hipp		88 00
Building Fund	526 25	98 22
	$ 587 89	$ 308 62

PAYMENTS.

R. R. Caldwell		$ 10 00
J. M. Cuddy		10 00
——— Patterson		25 00
Balance	$ 587 89	263 62
	$ 587 89	$ 308 62

Respectfully submitted,

June 15, 1896. GEO. S. MOWER, *Treasurer.*

INVENTORY.

I General Endowment Fund:		
Personal notes, etc	$48726 14	
70 shares Piedmont Manufacturing Co	7100 00	
Chester & Lenoir N. G. R. R	6500 00	
C., St. L. & N. O. R. R. bonds	2000 00	
City of Atlanta bonds	2000 00	
Chester & Cheraw R. R. bonds	500 00	
4 shares stock Newberry Savings Bank	200 00	
Lancaster County bond	100 00	
1 share stock Winnsboro National Bank	100 00	
1 share stock Greenwood Cotton Mills	100 00	
1 share stock People's Bank	50 00	
Balance	3148 83	$70524 97
II. Joseph Wylie Professorship Fund:		
Personal notes, etc		$12250 00
III. Duane Mower Scholarship Fund:		
Personal notes, etc	$ 2312 11	
Balance	587 89	$ 2900 00
Grand total		$85674 97

Supplementary Report of Treasurer of Erskine College.

GEO. S. MOWER, Treasurer, *In Account with Erskine College Funds from June 15, 1896, to October 1, 1896:*

RECEIPTS.

	Endowment.	Income.
Balance	$ 3148 83	
T. L. Haddon		$ 250 00
Piedmont Manufacturing Co		350 00
Atlanta coupons		80 00
People's Bank		1 00
C. & L. N. G. R. R		162 50
J. H. Moffatt		37 50
Newberry Savings Bank		6 00
Greenwood Cotton Mill		4 00
Estate J. W. P. Brown	250 00	93 56
Winnsboro National Bank	106 00	
H. M. Young, Adm'r, on Edwards' note	7 42	17 58
W. M. Grier, on Building Fund Debt	91 79	47 37
Balance		2732 37
	$ 3604 04	$3781 88

PAYMENTS, ETC.

Balance		$2369 55
Balance salaries 95–96		1310 00
Incidental expenses		102 33
C. L. Smith	$ 1600 00	
Balance	2004 04	
	$ 3604 04	$3781 88

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. S. MOWER, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

J. N. MARTIN.
E. P. MCCLINTOCK.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

A. G. BRICE, Treasurer, *In Account with the A. R. Presbyterian Synod:*

1895-96. DR.

Oct. 24 To balance on hand last report $404 00

To the following arrearages on 1894-95:

From First Presbytery:

Winnsboro, S. C., (in full)	$132 00
New Sterling.....	30 70
Unity.....	8 00

New Perth	37 00	
Bethany	45 00	
Elk Shoal	4 00	
Prosperity	13 75	
Pisgah	47 00	
Shiloh	26 20	$343 65
From Second Presbytery:		
Doraville	$ 33 00	
Thompson Street	33 50	
Cedar Spring and Bradley	10 75	
Grove	1 35	
Generostee	5 00	$ 83 60
From Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery:		
Elk Valley	$ 57 45	
Salem, Ala	8 00	$ 65 45
From Memphis Presbytery:		
Bethany	$ 18 80	
Ebenezer	46 00	
Mt. Carmel	6 20	
Troy and C. E. Society	24 00	$ 95 00
From Kentucky Presbytery:		
Mt. Zion		12 00
From Arkansas Presbytery:		
Hickory Springs		11 55
From Texas Presbytery:		
Texas Presbytery	$ 80 00	
Frisco	15 00	
Chicota	10 00	$105 00
Total on arrearages for '94-'95		$716 25
From Ladies Societies for Atlanta:		
L. M. S. of Long Cane, S. C	$ 10 00	
L. M. S. of Doraville, Ga	25 00	
L. B. S. of Winnsboro, S. C	10 00	
L. A. S. of Gastonia, N. C	5 00	
L. M. S. of White Oak, Ga	10 00	
" Due West, S. C	30 00	
" Woodruff, S. C	5 00	
" Chicota, Texas	7 50	
" Salem, Tenn	15 00	
" Richland, Tenn	10 00	
" Hickory Grove, S. C	5 00	
" Ebenezer, N. C	10 00	
" King's Mountain, N. C	10 00	
L. A. S. of Elk Valley, Tenn	5 00	

L. A. S. of Ebenezer and Bethel, Va...	5 00	
L. M. S. of Sardis, N. C	10 00	
" Statesville, N. C	10 00	
" Welford, S. C	4 00	
" Bethany, S. C	5 00	
" Ebenezer, Ga	15 00	
" Chester, S. C	25 00	
" Pott's Station, Ark	5 00	
" Yorkville, S. C	5 00	$241 50
Special Contribution:		
L. M. S. of Due West, S. C		30 00
Income from Invested Funds:		
January, '96, coupons of 4 C. & L. R. R. bonds, 5 per cent	$ 50 00	
Coupons of 1896 40 Lancaster County bonds..	239 25	$289 25

ASSESSMENTS.

1895–96.	Assessed.	Paid.
From First Presbytery:		
Amity	$ 12 00	$ 12 00
Back Creek	56 00	28 47
Bethany	100 00	65 00
Bethel	16 00	6 56
Brick Church	15 00	
Buford Monument	5 00	
Charlotte	100 00	100 00
Chester	192 00	192 00
Clover	25 00	25 00
Coddle Creek	72 00	50 00
Crowder's Creek	60 00	60 00
Ebenezer	76 00	76 00
Edgmoor	45 00	
Elk Shoals	15 00	5 00
Gastonia	65 00	65 00
Gilead	65 00	7 75
Gill's Creek	21 00	6 35
Hiddenite	9 00	
Hickory Grove	50 00	
Hopewell	131 00	131 00
Huntersville	148 00	80 30
King's Mountain	68 00	68 00
Lancaster	27 00	15 00
Neely's Creek	145 00	145 00
New Hope	120 00	
New Perth	40 00	
New Sterling	55 00	38 85

Pisgah	115 00	50 00
Prosperity	34 00	
Rock Hill	15 00	15 00
Sardis	161 00	161 00
Sharon	100 00	100 00
Shiloh	70 00	
Smyrna	75 00	10 00
Statesville	110 00	
Steele Creek	115 00	115 00
Tirzah	73 00	50 00
Union	123 00	59 48
Unity	30 00	
White Oak	94 00	94 00
Winnsboro	192 00	
Yorkville	64 00	25 00
Total	$3094 00	$1856 76

From Second Presbytery:

Abbeville	$ 22 50	
Atlanta	30 50	$ 30 50
Bethel, S. C.	75 00	65 00
Bethel, Ga.	50 50	
Bethlehem	21 00	21 00
Bartow	32 00	32 00
Cannon Creek	50 00	
Cedar Spring and Bradley	70 00	11 75
Concord	15 00	5 00
Doraville	75 00	30 00
Due West	225 00	225 00
Ebenezer	75 00	75 00
Generostee	55 00	13 45
Grove	25 50	36 00
Head Spring, Laurens	25 00	
Head Spring, Newberry	12 00	
Hopewell	75 50	75 00
King's Creek	35 00	
Long Cane	80 00	25 50
Louisville	80 00	50 00
Mt. Carmel	30 30	22 26
New Hope	15 00	
Prosperity	55 00	
Providence	15 00	4 00
Thompson Street	90 00	60 00
Troy	93 00	93 00
White Oak	70 00	70 00

Welford	20 00	20 00
Woodruff	30 00	30 00
Total	$1547 80	$ 994 46

From Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery:

No assessment obtainable.

Bethel, Ala., Oak Hill, (in full)		$ 128 58
Blanche		10 00
Camden		17 50
Elk Valley		73 45
Head Spring		
Hopewell		
Prosperity, Ala		63 00
Prosperity, Tenn		32 00
Total		$ 324 53

From Memphis Presbytery:

Bethany	$ 82 00	$ 34 50
Beulah	23 00	
Brighton and Bloomington	73 00	19 75
Ebenezer	128 00	40 00
Hebron	9 00	5 00
Hopewell	57 00	
Mt. Carmel	32 00	5 15
Richland	74 00	27 00
Rives	46 00	36 25
Salem	246 00	65 00
Shiloh	14 00	
Troy	130 00	45 00
Total	$ 914 00	$ 277 65

From Kentucky Presbytery:

Ebenezer	$ 37 00	$ 10 50
Hinkston	30 40	30 40
Louisville	57 00	57 00
New Hope	37 05	22 20
Mt. Zion	107 15	50 00
Mt. Olivet	13 40	12 40
Total	$ 281 00	$ 182 50

From Arkansas Presbytery:

Ebenezer	$ 23 00	
Hickory Springs	47 85	
Little Rock	5 55	5 55
Monticello	28 75	28 75

New Hope	28 15	10 00
Pott's Station	72 45	72 00
Prosperity	28 15	28 15
Russellville	17 25	17 45
Saline	47 85	
Shady Grove	38 90	
Zion	13 80	13 80
Total	$ 351 70	$ 175 70
From Texas Presbytery:		
Buckholtz	$ 8 75	
Chicota	38 15	
Corsicana	14 75	
Frisco	7 00	
Harmony	29 15	
Milano	8 75	
Pleasant Point	3 50	
Richland	38 15	
Texas Presbytery paid	$ 140 60	$ 50 00
From Virginia Presbytery:		
Broad Creek	$ 25 29	$ 25 29
Ebenezer and Bethel	36 53	36 53
New Lebanon	78 68	20 00
Old Providence	112 40	112 40
Timber Ridge	28 10	25 29
Total	$ 281 00	$ 219 51
From Tampico Presbytery:		
Tampico Center		$ 17 75
Rio Verde		2 00
Total	$ 35 00	$ 19 75

RECAPITULATION.

1895-96.

From First	Presbytery	$1856 76	
Second	"	994 46	
Tenn. and Ala.	"	324 53	
Memphis	"	277 65	
Kentucky	"	182 50	
Arkansas	"	175 70	
Texas	"	50 00	
Virginia	"	219 51	
Tampico	"	19 15	$4100 86

Add Total arrearages for 94-95		716 25	
Total from Ladies Societies		241 50	
Total Special Contributions		30 00	
Total income from Invested Funds		289 25	$1277 00
Total collected during year			$5377 86
Add amount on hand last report			404 00
Grand total			$5781 86
To cash due Treasurer to balance			296 97
			$6078 83

CONTRA.

1895-96. Cr.

By following payments for 1894-95:

Paid Rev. J. R. McCormick	(in full)	$ 178 40
J. L. Pressly	"	325 00
W. S. Moffatt	"	40 00
S. W. Reid	"	140 00
W. M. Grier	"	10 00
E. F. Griffith	"	50 00
J. A. Myers	"	15 00
D. G. Philips, Jr.	"	225 00
G. G. Parkinson	"	70 00
E. B. Anderson	"	200 00
M. T. Ellis	"	15 00
J. A. White	"	110 00
C. Pressly	"	100 00
J. E. Johnson	"	70 00
H. B. Blakely	"	50 00
H. R. McAulay	"	60 00
W. S. Castles	"	10 00
E. E. Patterson	"	80 00
E. P. Stewart	"	40 00
J. P Erwin	"	114 00
Peter Bryson	"	50 00
R. L. Bell	"	75 00
A. L. Patterson	"	75 00
W. A. M. Plaxco	"	30 00
J. C. McDonald	"	40 00
J. H. Moffatt	"	50 00
E. P. McClintock, printing Minutes		196 80
H. B. Blakely, printing Confess'n of Faith		201 89
Jas Boyce, Clerk		20 00
E. P. McClintock, Second Clerk		20 00

A. R. P. Co., Minutes of 1893	15 00	
E. P. McClintock, printing, etc	7 30	—$2684 24

1895-96.

By following payments for 1895-96:

Paid Rev. Jas. Boyce (in full)	$ 500 00	
H. B. Blakely	911 65	
G. G. Parkinson	555 55	
J. R. McCormick	125 29	
Calvin Pressly	75 00	
J. M. Garrison (in full)	50 00	
D. G. Caldwell "	10 00	
T. W. Hayes	60 00	
D. G. Philips	325 00	
J. E. Johnson	58 00	
J V. Black	10 00	
E. F. Griffith	50 00	
J. B. Hood	10 00	
J. G. Dale	65 00	
J. A. Smith (in full)	80 00	
E. B. Anderson	100 00	
W. W. Orr (in full)	200 00	
W. M. Hunter "	7 75	
J. T. Bigham, printing	1 35	—$3194 59
Total paid since last report		$5878 83
Treasurer's salary for 1895-96		200 00
Grand total disbursed		$6078 83

Respectfully submitted,

A. G BRICE, *Treasurer.*

Chester, S. C., October 16, 1896.

Report on Permanent and Invested Funds of the A. R. P. Synod.

A. G. BRICE, Treasurer.

1895-96. DR.

July 18 To Dividend, No. 4, on five shares of stock in the National Bank of Chester, S. C., (in liquidation)		$ 15 00

No other collections have been made, and the permanent and invested funds now stand as follows:

Four $500 C. & L. R. R. bonds, 5 per cent	$2000 00
Forty $100 Lancaster Co., S. C. bonds, 6 per cent	4000 00
Balance of five shares stock in the National Bank of Chester, S. C.	85 00

Cash in Savings Dept. of Exchange Bank of Chester, S. C		396 50
Cash in Exchange Bank of Chester, S. C., at last report	$524 35	
Dividend on National Bank stock, Chester, S. C., as above	15 00	$ 539 35
Total		$7020 85

N. B. The July (1896) interest on the four C. & L. R. R. bonds has not been paid.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. BRICE, *Treasurer.*

Chester, S. C , October 17, 1896.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN UNION.

The Executive Committee of the Young People's Convention would report that at the recent Convention held in Charlotte, N. C., a resolution was adopted looking to securing a department in the *Christian Union Herald*, the paper of the Young People's Societies of the U. P. Church, which department should be devoted to the interests of our Young People's Societies. Shortly after the adjournment of the Convention, a letter was received from Dr. R. J. Miller, editor of the *Herald*, cordially offering our Young People's Societies a page to be set apart exclusively to their use. Your General Secretary sent a copy of this letter to the members of the Executive Committee, and the majority of the Committee favored the acceptance of the offer at once.

On further correspondence the plan of a joint paper was arranged as follows: Page 10 will be set apart exclusively to the use of our societies. Our "News Notes" will appear generally with the "News Notes" of the United Presbyterian Societies, and an article to be furnished by some of our ministers if possible for the first pages.

Arrangements are being made to have a series of articles prepared upon the history of the A. R. Church which will be of special interest and profit to our young people.

The first issue of our department will appear this week.

We ask Synod's hearty endorsement of this plan.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. MOFFATT,
For the Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION.

The Committee on Revision submits the following:

The Committee thought it wise to divide the work assigned it, and hence directed its labors exclusively to a revision of the Book of Worship. We herewith present the result of our labors, in a Revised Book of Worship.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

DEAR BRETHREN: It is my pleasure to submit to you a report as Secretary of the Young People's Work:

I have had a considerable correspondence with the pastors and Young People's Societies of the Synod during the year past, and have obtained

a number of interesting facts with reference to the Young People's Societies.

From the information that has come into my hands, I gather that there are at this date 106 Young People's Societies in our Synod. About 40 of these are what may be properly called Junior Societies—that is, composed of small children. These 106 societies are in 69 congregations. Thirty-eight congregations have one Y. P. Society; twenty-five have two, and six congregations have three such societies.

Seventy-seven societies sent in full reports; eighteen sent in partial reports, and eleven sent in no reports at all.

The reports received show an aggregate membership of 2,223, and yearly contributions amounting to $1,660.

About twenty-eight societies report contributions made to Home Missions in the way of funds for the Home Board or directly to the Domestic Mission Fund, or to the building of mission churches, as Atlanta, Louisville, Ky., etc.

About twenty of the societies mention contributions to Foreign Missions in the way of supporting Dona Gila, a native Mexican teacher, or directly to the Foreign Mission Fund of Synod, or in the building of the churches at Rio Verde and Ciudad del Maiz.

One or two of the societies contributed to Erskine College, for the relief of the debt and to the chair fund.

Two of the societies give to the fund to aid in educating C. Cruz.

Four societies assisted in paying the pastor's salary, or in repairing and furnishing the home church.

Thus we see that our Young People's Societies are interesting themselves in every department and form of the Church so far as giving of money is concerned.

One society reports that its members do personal work among the unconverted; three societies are running mission Sabbath-schools in destitute districts on the boundary of their respective congregations, and one society has in charge two such schools.

All the societies but two held prayer meetings. Only seven have prayer meetings weekly; twenty-seven monthly, eight semi-monthly and two quarterly. All have devotional exercises in opening the prayer meeting. Beyond this there is no uniformity. A few societies have scarcely any other exercises. A very common mode of conducting the prayer meeting is to have the roll called and each member to repeat a verse of Scripture as his name is called. Another method is to have essays, recitations and extracts read, particularly on the subject of missions, and to open or close the service by repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert.

In one society much time is devoted to the study of Bible characters. In another the Sabbath-school lesson is studied. In others the pastor or some member delivers a set address upon some chosen topic. In still

others there is a general discussion participated in by several of the members. One society reports a season for sentence prayers.

Several societies report torpidity and indifference amounting almost to death, while still others report an indifference which greatly hinders their efficiency.

I would call the attention of Synod to two recommendations which I made to the Young People's Convention at Charlotte. One in reference to the preparation or adoption of a list of prayer meeting topics for the Y. P. Societies; the other in reference to the printing of copies of the Constitution and By-Laws for the Young People's Societies.

Having mentioned the convention at Charlotte, I would say that it was a large and well-ordered gathering. A full account of it and its deliverances and requests will be presented to this body by a committee of the convention for this purpose.

Praying the blessing of God upon the Young People's Societies and the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon your venerable body, I am,

Yours fraternally,
JAS. S. MOFFATT.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

The Third Annual Convention of the Young People's Societies of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South met in the city of Charlotte, N. C., August 11, 1896, and, after devotional exercises, addresses of welcome were delivered by Prof. Baird, representing the A. R. congregation; the city of Charlotte, by the mayor, Hon. J. H. Weddington; the sister churches of the city, Charles M. Tillet, Esq., to all of which a response was made by Rev. J. S. Moffatt, General Secretary of the Young People's Work.

The convention was then organized by the election of J. N. Miller, Esq., of Mobile, Ala., as President, and Mrs. Ira B. Jones and Mrs. Lois Mills Secretaries.

There were one hundred and thirty-five delegates enrolled and 140 visitors present. The arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors were so perfectly planned and successfully executed, that special mention should be made of the fact to the great credit of Bro. Chalmers and his congregation. The hospitality of the city of Charlotte was unbounded and nothing was left undone which could conduce to the comfort of the strangers within the gates

The convention was opened morning and evening with devotional exercises, consisting of prayers, songs and scriptural readings. An earnest desire for rich spiritual blessings seemed to pervade the hearts of all the delegates. Various addresses were made, and essays read on subjects pertaining to the great object of the young people's movement, the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom throughout the whole world.

The music on this occasion deserves special mention as being of superior order and excelleuce and no doubt convinced many unbelievers that there were no songs like the songs of Zion, and that the Psalms were adapted to the most artistic music of the present day.

The convention was very much gratified at the presence of Rev. J. A. Duff, who came bringing the fraternal greetings of the Young People's Societies of the United Presbyterian Church. His beautiful and appropriate address found a responsive chord in the hearts of the delegates.

With reference to the publication of a paper for the Young People's Societies, the following report was adopted:

1. That the Convention proceed to take steps to provide an organ for the Young People's Societies.

2. That Rev. J. S. Moffatt be made editor of that paper.

3. That we recommend to the editor the adoption of the "Christian Union Herald", the organ of the Young People's Work of the United Presbyterian Church, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with the publisher of said paper.

The following resolution was adopted:

Inasmuch as the Societies of the Associate Reformed Church are different only in name, and inasmuch as a common name is desirable and necessary for complete organization, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we request the Synod that it give the name of Christian Union to all the Societies of the Church.

A recommendation was made that all the Young People's Societies contribute on an average five cents per member to defray incidental expenses of the Convention and that prayer meeting topics be prepared for the use of the Societies, and also that copies of the constitution be published.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Committee,

J. A. LOWRY, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION WITH THE U. P. CHURCH.

The Committee would report that no effort looking toward union between our Synod and the United Presbyterian Church has been made during the year.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF WOMAN'S WORK.

The Superintendents of Woman's Societies would report:

That the method of incorporating the statistics of Woman's Societies in the general statistics has rendered the work of your Superintendents unnecessary; therefore, we recommend that our office be abolished.

W. H. MILLEN.

C. E. McDONALD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOUISVILLE CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your Committee would respectfully report that we have not been able to accomplish anything. The aid of several real estate men was invoked, but owing to the unprecedented dullness in the real estate market it was not thought advisable to advertise the property. Investors could not be induced to bid on property encumbered as it is. Your Committee has made faithful efforts to induce a friendly offer to buy but so far has failed.

Mr. Guyn declined to accept the appointment on the committee. Mr. Millen, living nearly a hundred miles away could only act as an adviser.

We recommend that the disposition of the property be placed in the hands of the Board of Home Missions, that the co-operation of the United Presbyterian Church be invited, that a new lot be secured and a small, neat house be erected, and that the old property be held until times improve, so that an advantageous disposition can be made of it.

It is the deliberate opinion of your Committee that the Louisville Mission would be materially benefited by union with the United Presbyterian Church, and that in case the union be not effected, and the proposed plan of co-operation with that Church be adopted, it would be a great advantage to the cause in Louisville for the missionary to be a United Presbyterian.

Most respectfully,
JAMES BOYCE,
W. H. MILLEN.

PETITION FROM FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF ERSKINE COLLEGE.

We, members of the Faculty of Erskine College, being deeply concerned for the welfare of the Institution, desire, in view of the fact that Dr. Grier has handed you his resignation of the Presidency, to express to you, and, through you, to Dr. Grier himself, our earnest conviction that his retirement would be a serious injury to the College.

In the first place, the College is now heavily burdened with debt; and we believe that its friends will do more for its relief with Dr. Grier at its head than with any other man in the Synod. His ability, his good judgment, his lofty Christian character, are known to all, and they win for him and thus also for the College the confidence of all those to whom the Institution may look for help.

In the second place, the College has been in an unsettled condition for several years on account of numerous changes of teachers; and we think that when we are just beginning to realize the benefits of a permanent Faculty, it would be specially unfortunate that so important a change as the one contemplated should be made. Under the present management the College seems to be entering upon a new era of

prosperity; and if Dr. Grier continues in office, he will, we believe, draw still more students and make the Institution still more prosperous, whereas we fear that a change would mar the bright prospects now before us.

In view of these things, we sincerely hope that you will succeed in prevailing on Dr. Grier to withdraw his resignation, and to continue to give the College the benefit of his long years of experience and of his mature judgment, both of which we think are so much needed at this time.

F. Y. PRESSLY.
J. I. McCAIN.
D. G. CARLWELL.
E. L. REID.

P. S.—For reasons that are obvious, this paper was not presented to Prof. P. L. Grier.

DUE WEST, S. C., VIA DONNALD'S, Oct. 20th, 1896.

To A. R. P. Synod, care of W. L. Pressly, Chicota, Tex.:

Unanimous petition mailed earnestly entreating non-acceptance of Dr. Grier's resignation. We humbly beg Synod to refuse to accept resignation of our beloved President.

ERSKINE STUDENTS.

We, students of Erskine College, desire to express our high appreciation of the noble character of Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., LL.D., President of Erskine College, our confidence in him as a Christian, his efficiency as President, his uniform courtesy towards students, his acknowledged abilities; *above all our love and reverence for him*, and earnestly entreat the Board of Trustees of Erskine College to refuse to accept his resignation as President of this Institution.

The College at present is in a most flourishing condition and a change of Presidency might result in injury to the College, also we feel that no other President can be secured who can fill the position so satisfactorily as Dr. Grier.

Most respectfully submitted.
(Signed by every student.)

We, the students of Erskine Theological Seminary heartily endorse the petition of the students of Erskine College asking Associate Reformed Synod of the South to refuse to accept Dr. Grier's resignation as President of said College, and agree with them in petitioning your honorable body to insist on his retaining said position.

Most respectfully submitted.
(Signed by all the students.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee of Publication would report as follows:

We had printed as directed 1,000 copies of Confession of Faith at a cost $201.89. We advertised them through the A. R. Presbyterian and urged by letter the different congregations to purchase these books. But we have succeeded in selling only about 170 books The remainder of these books and the amount collected from sales are in our possession and are placed at your disposal.

We recommend that 2,000 copies of Minutes of present session of Synod be printed and distributed under direction of the Second Clerk, and that the contract be awarded to E. H. Aull, of Newberry, for $1.50 per page.

We recommend that this Synod organize a Board of Publication, and place to their credit one hundred dollars together with money secured from sale of Confession of Faith in hand, with which to carry on its business.

We recommend that the arrangements for the publication of Sabbath-school literature be placed in the hands of this Board.

We hereby tender our resignation as members of the Committee of Publication and recommend that you instruct your Committee on Nominations to nominate seven persons who, by your approval, shall compose this Board.

In obedience to your order we corresponded with Mr. Jno. T. Findley, Business Manager of U. P. Board of Publication, with reference to the establishment of a depository in Atlanta, but have not as yet succeeded in making such an arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. BLAKELY.
R. L. BELL.
J. L. HEMPHILL.
W. K. VANDIVER.
J. C. McELROY.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE ALLIANCE OF REFORMED AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 12, 1896.

DEAR BRETHREN: The Western Section of the Executive Commission of "The Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian System," respectfully report to your venerable body that the work of the Commission has progressed favorably during the year, and that the churches of the Alliance are being drawn closer together under the blessing of God, in the bonds of fellowship and for the maintenance of the great principles of the faith and order which they maintain.

During the year the Alliance has suffered a great loss in the death of the Chairman of the Western Section, and the President of the Alliance,

the Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D. D., LL. D. Dr. Chambers was associated with the Alliance since the year 1880, was the Chairman of the Western Section from 1888, and at the time of his death was the President of the Alliance, His entire career as a member and officer of the Alliance, was characterized by great dignity, large catholicity of spirit, earnest effort in every movement which gave promise of inurng to the welfare of the churches, and great activity up to the last in the performance of the duties assigned to him. His labors ended, he has received the crown of righteousness which was laid up for him in heaven, and which shall be the portion of all who love the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

During the year, a movement was initiated by the Alliance in the interests of Co-operation in Home Mission work on the part of the Churches in the American Section. The committee having charge of the same, was composed of the Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D., Chairman, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., of the Reformed Church in the United States, and Rev. W. S. Owens, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church in North America. This Commission invited a conference of the officers of the Home Mission Boards of the Churches connected with the Allicance, at Pittsburgh, Pa, on October 31, 1895. The Conference was held as appointed, was largely attended, and as a result of the consultation had, the following conclusions were reached with entire unanimity, viz.:

1. That the work actually accomplished within little more than a century in the planting of the Church of Christ, through Home Mission effort in this new world, is quite as wonderful as the triumphs of the Gospel in heathen lands, and that the success achieved has been more rapid and more complete from the very fact that so many different denominations have been employed in Home Mission effort. More men have been sent forth as laborers into the harvest, more money has been voluntarily given for the work than could have come from any one great organization. The King and Head of the Church Universal has manifestly used ecclesiastical division for the more rapid evangelization of America.

2 That among the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, associated in this Alliance, practical co-operation in the great work of Home Missions has existed for many years, and is in full force at the present time. The relations of the different Boards and Committees are positively fraternal and harmonious; there is no friction between them, such as has been alleged in certain quarters, neither is there any substantial waste of men or money in denominational rivalry. Errors of judgment doubtless have been made in the location of new missions or churches in the frontier States and Territories, but such errors have been common to secular enterprises in their work, as well as to religious organizations. In some new communities, again, it may appear to the superficial observer that too many Church organizations are supported,

but it must be remembered that these churches have combined to make such new communities pre eminently Christian from their inception. And whatever may have been the errors of judgment or mistakes made in particular fields, here and there, it is a welcome fact that the Churches holding the Reformed faith and the Presbyterian polity, seek steadily to minimize occasions of difference between their respective missionary agencies, endeavor to advance the common interests in a fraternal spirit, and are in full accord in the great work of evangelizing the North American Continent.

3. While, however, practical co-operation and harmony thus exist, there is need of some statement of general principles of co-operation, for the guidance of the several Boards or Committees on Home Missions of the respective Churches in the Alliance, such, for instance, as that adopted by the Boards of Home Missions of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

The Conference, therefore, authorized a second meeting, to consider, and if possible, adopt a Plan of Co-operation. It also directed that, in addition to the Boards of Home Missions, invitations should be sent to the Boards or Committees of Church Erection, Sabbath-school Work, and Freedmen's Work of the Churches of the Alliance.

The second conference they authorized was held in New York City, on January 30, 1896, and the following Plan of Co-operation was unanimously adopted by the persons present, representing as intimated above, the Boards of Home Missions, Church Erection, and Freedmen's Missions, and Sabbath-school Work of several of the Churches in the Alliance. The Plan is as follows:

PLAN OF CO-OPERATION.

The Boards and Committees of Home Missions, Church Erection, Freedmen's Missions and Sabbath-school Work of the American Churches in "The Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System," both in the United States and Canada, recognizing with gratitude to God their substantial unity both in faith and polity, do agree upon the following principles of action for their guidance in their work, viz.:

1. That in the work of all these Boards as related to each other the authority of the Church Courts is to be recogized as final.

2. That there shall be no interference with Churches, Missions, or Sabbath-schools at present existing, unless by voluntary agreement between the denominations directly concerned.

3. That ordinarily, no Churches, Missions, or Sabbath-schools shall be established in small communities where the field is fully occupied by other Presbyterian or Reformed Churches.

4. That the Supreme Judicatories of the several Churches recommend their Church members when moving into new communities, in which

there is no congregatian of their own Church, to unite, for the time being, with some other Presbyterian or Reformed Church, if such there be.

5. That if cases of difference of opinion arise in connection with the work, they shall be referred for consideration and amicable adjustment to the missionary authorities of the denominations directly concerned.

This Plan has been already submitted to all the Boards interested, for their approval, and has been approved by the Western Section of the Alliance at its meeting April 28th, 1896, in Philadelphia, Pa. It has also been approved, *subject to action by the Supreme Judicatories of the Churches*, by the Board of Home Missions, Church Erection, Freedmen, and Publication and S. S. Work of the Presbyterian Church, in the U. S. A., by the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America, by the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S., by the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and by the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Plan is herewith respectfully submitted to you in the hope that it may be adopted by your venerable body and may bring yet closer together the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches on the American Continent.

The Alliance respectfully requests an order from your venerable body for the payment of the annual apportionment of your Church for the expenses of the Alliance. The apportionment is based upon the number of delegates to which your Church is entitled in the General Council of the Alliance, viz.: at $15 per delegate, this amounts to $60.

The notice of last year, with reference to the meeting of the Sixth General Council, is hereby repeated. This Council will meet at Glasgow, Scotland, on June 17, 1896, at 11 A. M., and will continue in session until June 26.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, we are,

In behalf of the Alliance,
Yours fraternally,
WM. HENRY ROBERTS,
Chairman.

DAVID WATERS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

DEAR BRETHREN: Neither Bro. Bonner nor myself was able to attend the meeting of the United Presbyterian General Assembly, which convened in May last in Xenia, Ohio. This was a matter of regret to us, as it would have been a genuine personal pleasure to have enjoyed the fellowship of the brethren of the beloved sister Church, and witnessed the proceedings of their highest Church court. We endeavored by letter,

however, to execute your commission, to convey to that Assembly the Christian salutations of the Associate Reformed Church.

Very respectfully,
G. R. WHITE.

REPORT OF THE REV. JAMES BOYCE IN THE CANVASS FOR THE LOUISVILLE, KY., CHURCH.

MR. MODERATOR: I desire to present herewith my report of the canvass for funds for the erection of the Church in Louisville, Ky. In accordance with the directions of Synod, I travelled during the months of December, 1895, and January and February, 1896, visiting the Churches in about the order named below, and was received everywhere with great kindness. The amounts given here include all payments to date and the amounts still due on subscriptions:

	Paid.	Due.
New Lebanon, W. Va	$ 22 75	
Broad Creek, Va	4 25	$ 3 00
Ebenezer, Va	18 26	5 50
Timber Ridge, Va	6 58	15 00
Old Providence, Va	10 96	51 30
New Perth, N. C	14 80	9 00
Elk Shoal, N. C	6 00	5 00
Amity, N. C	12 75	5 00
New Sterling, N. C	11 07	16 00
Statesville, N. C	38 50	103 00
Coddle Creek, N. C	42 60	9 00
Gilead, N. C	2 00	9 75
Huntersville, N. C	3 10	56 00
Prosperity, N. C	7 46	4 00
Back Creek, N. C	9 60	6 50
Sardis, N. C	34 50	63 00
Ebenezer, N. C	30 15	11 00
Steele Creek, N. C	12 20	86 50
Charlotte, N. C	7 00	62 00
Hopewell, Tenn	20	11 50
Head Spring, Tenn	19 60	12 60
Elk Valley, Tenn	33 67	4 00
Prosperity, Tenn	20 67	8 08
Blanche, Tenn	1 40	9 00
King's Mountain, N. C	81 75	
Gastonia, N. C	64 55	30 50
Pisgah, N. C	26 61	3 50
Crowder's Creek, N. C	20 00	11 00
Clover, S. C	32 00	
Bethany, S. C	58 70	21 50

Smyrna, S. C	35 22	8 00
Hickory Grove, S. C	17 12	7 00
Sharon, S. C	30 50	3 00
Yorkville, S. C	37 03	9 50
Tirzah, S. C	14 45	13 00
Neely's Creek, S. C	100 85	23 50
Edgmoor, S. C	20 80	
Shiloh, S. C	18 45	7 50
Lancaster, S. C	6 45	15 00
Unity, S. C	7 70	50
Union, S. C	30 15	12 50
Chester, S. C	18 41	
Hopewell, S. C	31 30	8 00
New Hope, S. C	24 05	43 00
Winnsboro, S. C	122 05	63 50
White Oak, S. C	23 80	10 50
Prosperity, S. C	1 50	22 00
Cannon Creek, S. C	10 75	
King's Creek, S. C	23 00	
Newberry, S. C	20 00	3 50
Woodruff, S. C	24 67	11 25
Ora, S. C	36 55	25 00
Due West, S. C	170 06	89 50
Bethlehem, S. C	9 95	3 50
Abbeville, S. C	6 00	45 00
Bradley, S. C	36 05	7 00
Troy, S. C	22 65	84 00
Long Cane, S. C	12 35	7 00
Mt. Carmel, S. C	12 25	7 00
Bethel, Ga	26 25	7 50
Ebenezer, Ga	67 05	30 25
Louisville, Ga	55 98	12 00
Hopewell, Ga	27 90	11 50
Doraville, Ga	29 90	17 00
Camden, Ala	32 75	22 00
Oak Hill, Ala	108 60	11 00
Prosperity, Ala	20 86	10 00
Bethany, Miss	34 30	16 00
Hopewell, Miss	21 85	1 75
Ebenezer, Miss	39 65	19 25
Brighton, Tenn	56 10	6 00
Salem, Tenn	166 05	68 40
Richland, Tenn	86 45	21 50
Troy, Tenn	99 55	54 60
Rives, Tenn	54 85	6 00

Mt. Zion, Mo	133 40	18 00
Due West Female College	26 50	
Russellville, Ark	11 15	
Rev. W. M. McElwee, D. D	5 00	
Maj. T. W. Brice	2 50	
Rev. J. S. A. Hunter	5 00	
Mrs. L. L. McCormick	1 00	
Mrs. Lipford	1 00	
J. B. Woodside	5 00	
Dr. Ed. McKee	5 00	
C. P. Nair	5 00	
Total receipts	$2706 43	$1492 23

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By travelling exp's, postage, etc.	$ 160 66	
By Deposits	2545 77—$2706 43	
Balance due on subscriptions		$1492 23

The whole amount raised has been placed in the hands of Mr. Jos. Wylie, Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension, to be held by him, subject to the conditions of subscription. I am most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES BOYCE.

ROLL OF BOARDS.

Church Extension.

TERM EXPIRES.

Mr. Joseph Wylie, Treasurer, Chester, S. C . . . . . 1897.
Rev. J. S. Moffatt, Rev. J. A. White, Mr. Joseph Wylie, Hon. J. K. Henry, Hon. A. G. Brice . . . . . 1901.
Hon. A. G. Brice, Secretary, Chester, S. C . . . . . .

Erskine College.

Rev. S. W. Haddon, Mr. Joseph Wylie, Rev. O. Y. Bonner, M. A. Renwick, M. D., Rev. J. T. Chalmers . . . . . 1897.
Rev. T. G. Boyce, Rev. J. P. Knox, Rev. C. E. Todd, W. A. Lee, LL.D . . . . . 1898.
Rev. R. G. Miller, Hon. Ira B. Jones, T. K. Elliott, Esq . . . . . 1899.
Rev. J. W. Baird, Rev. E. P. McClintock, Hon. D. E. Finley, Mr. J. W. Kirkpatrick, Rev. J. A. Lowry . . . . . 1900.
Rev. W. W. Orr, Rev. R. A. Grier, Rev. W. L. Pressly, D. D., Hon. J. J. Darlington . . . . . 1901.
Treasurer and member ex officio, Hon. Geo. S. Mower, Newberry, S. C . . . . . 1897.
President and member ex officio, Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., LL.D.
Rev. O. Y. Bonner, Secretary, Due West, S. C . . . . . .
Stated meetings in the College at Commencement and at Synod . .

Erskine Theological Seminary.

Rev. R. G. Miller, Rev. J. W. Baird, Mr. W. Anderson . . . . 1897.
Rev. C. E. McDonald, Rev. J. C. Galloway, Rev. J. S Moffatt . . . 1898.
Hon. A. G. Brice, Prof. J. P. Kennedy, Rev. T. G. Boyce . . . . . 1899.
Rev. John A. White, Rev. E. P. McClintock, Rev. H. M. Henry . . 1900
Rev. C. B. Betts, Rev. S. W. Reid, Rev. J. L. Young . . . . . 1901.
Treasurer and member ex officio, Mr. Joseph Wylie, Chester, S. C .
Rev. F. Y. Pressly, Secretary, D. D , Due West, S. C . . . . . .
Stated meetings in the Seminary at Commencement and at Synod.

Foreign Missions.

Mr. R. W. Haddon, Rev. W. L. Pressly, D. D., Rev. Calvin Pressly . 1897.
Prof. J. I. McCain, Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., LL.D., Dr. J. D. Neel . 1898.
Prof. J. P. Kennedy, Mr. James Brice, Rev. D. G. Caldwell . . . . 1899.
Rev. J. C. Boyd, Rev. R. M. Stevenson, Mr. R. S. Galloway . . . . 1900.
Rev. F. Y. Pressly, D. D., Prof. H. E. Bonner, Prof. P. L. Grier . . 1901.
Chairman, Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., LL.D . . . . . .
Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Pressly, D. D., Due West, S. C.

Home Missions.

Rev. R. G. Miller, Rev. G. R. White, Rev. W. W. Orr, Hon. A. G. Brice, Rev. J. C. Galloway, Rev. W. Y. Love, Rev. J. T. Chalmers . . . . . 1897.
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Trustees of Synod.

Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., LL.D., Joseph L. Pressly, M. D . . . . . 1897.
Rev. W. L. Pressly, D. D., J. A. Johnson, Esq . . . . . 1898.
M. A. Carlisle, Esq , Walter Miller, Esq . . . . . 1899.
Prof. H E. Bonner, Mr. A. S Kennedy 1899
Mr. R. C. Bernau, Prof. J. L. Pressly . . . . . 1901.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT TO NEXT SYNOD AND DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

On Digest: Revs. F. Y. Pressly, D. D., W. L. Pressly, D. D.

On Publication: Rev. H. B. Blakely, Rev. J. L. Hemphill, Mr. W. K. Vandiver, Mr. J. C. McElroy, Rev. R. L. Bell.

On Judiciary: Revs. A. G. Kirkpatrick, D. G. Philips, D.D., E. E Boyce, D. D., T. P. Pressly, F. Y. Pressly, D. D.

On Sabbath Reform: Revs. S. A. Agnew, D. D., R. F. Bradley.

On Statistics: Revs. C. E. Todd, G. R. White, R G. Miller.

On Union with U. P. Church: Revs. C. E. McDonald, E. P. McClintock, J. G. Calloway, Hon. A. G. Brice, James A Brice.

On Orphanage: Rev. C. B. Betts, Rev. J. S. Moffatt, Dr. G. R. White, Messrs. J. W. Bigham and R. A. Grier.

On Programme for 250th Anniversary of the Confession of Faith: Revs. J. H. Pressly, W. L. Pressly, D. D., D. G. Caldwell, and Prof. J. L. McCain, Ph.D.

Superintendents of Women's Societies: Revs. C. E. McDonald, W. H. Millen.

Delegates to the U. P. Assembly: Principal, Rev. S. W. Reid; alternate, Rev. R. M. Stevenson; lay delegate, Mr. Thos. Hardeman; Hon. R. A. Grier, alternate.

Calendar.

The week including the first and second Sabbaths of December, a week of prayer for Foreign Missions.

A collection for Church Extension on some Sabbath in December or Jannary.

October tenth, Books of Treasurers of Synod, Church Extension and Foreign Missions, close.

GRAND SUMMARY.

Number of Presbyteries	9
Ministers	99
Churches	127
Communicants, 10277; In Mexico, 254	10531
Sabbath Schools	
Officers and Teachers	941
Pupils	7663
Woman's Societies	
Members	1624
Young People's Societies	
Members	2013
FOREIGN MISSION WORK—	
Included above { Presbytery	1
Included above { Communicants	254
Included above { Ministers: 3 American; 4 Native	7
Female Missionaries	3
Churches and Stations	13
Sabbath Schools	9
Teachers	23
Pupils	191

Contributions.

Salaries	$30935
Synod's Fund	4988
Foreign Mission Fund	3449
Church Extension Fund	538
Miscellaneous Purposes	11785
Sabbath School Collections	1412
Women's Societies	3347
Young People's Societies	1543
Total	$ 58997

STATISTICAL REPORT OF

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICES.	Communicants.	Accessions. By Profession.	Accessions. By Certificate.	Losses. By Death	Losses. By Dismissal.	Baptisms. Adults.	Baptisms. Infants.
E. B. Anderson	Amity	Stony Point, N. C.	81	2			1		3
E. B Anderson	Elk Shoals	Hedrich, N. C.	70	3		2	2		2
C. B. Betts	Union	Kichburg, S. C.	125	3		1	2		4
J. C. Boyd	New Sterling	Pressly, N. C	140	7	1	1	4	3	5
J. T. Chalmers	Charlotte	Charlotte, N. C	130	1	10		3		3
W. C. Ewart	Shiloh	Lancaster, S. C	102	4		2	6		6
W. C. Ewart	Edgmoor	Lancaster, S. C	69						
J. C. Galloway	Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.	80		6	2	1		2
J. C. Galloway	Pisgah	Gastonia, N. C.	210	10		6	6	1	14
J. M. Garrison	King's Mountain	King's Mountain, N. C.	74	2		3	3		2
R. L. Grier	Steele Creek	Steele Creek, N. C	81				3		1
J. M. Garrison	Bethel	King's Mountain, N. C.	39						
J. S. Grier	Sharon	Sharon, S C.	152	1	1	1	6		5
B. H. Grier	Yorkville	Yorkville, S. C	70	3	8	1	1		2
B. H. Grier	Tirzah	Yorkville, S. C.	59	2	7	1	9	1	3
W. M. Hunter	Gilead	Cowan's Ford, N. C.	130	2	2	1	2		1
W. M. Hunter	Prosperity	Cowan's Ford, N. C.	65						
Oliver Johnson	Neely's Creek	Lesslie, S. C.	180	3	3	3	13	1	7
A. G. Kirkpatrick	New Hope	Avon, S. C.	133	3	1	3	18		
J. P. Knox	Hickory Grove	Hickory Grove, S. C.	92	1			1		4
J. P. Knox	Smyrna	Hickory Grove, S. C.	114	1	8				7
W. V. Love	Coddle Creek	Coddle, N. C.	112	3	4	1	4		5
W. Y. Love	New Perth	Coddle, N. C.	146	2		2	7		2
C. E. McDonald	Winnsboro	Winnsboro, S. C.	138		1	1	4		5
R. G. Miller	Sardis	Sardis, N. C	222	6			8		5
I. G. McLaughlin	Back Creek	Query's, N. C.	128	3	7	1	1		2
J. S. Moffatt	Chester	Chester, S. C.	141	8	7	1		1	6
J. H. Pressly	Statesville	Statesville, N. C.	200	16	4	2	7	2	8
R. M. Stevenson	Bethany	Clover, S. C.	154		2	1			
R. M. Stevenson	Clover	Clover, S. C.	39		2	2			5
R. M. Stevenson	Crowder's Creek	Clover, S. C	62		1				1
J. A. Smith	White Oak	White Oak, S. C.	73	8	1				2
G. R. White	Ebenezer	Griffith, N. C.	116	1	3		4		3
J. A. White	Hopewell	Blackstock's, S. C.	121	1	1	2	2		4
W. C. Ewart	Lancaster	Lancaster, S. C	20		2		5		
A. S. Rogers, S. S.	Rock Hill	Rock Hill, S. C	30	1	32	3		1	6
	Buford Monument	Dwight, S. C.	10						
R. M. Ranson, cor.	Huntersville	Huntersville, N. C.	190	4	5	3	8		5
J. M. Matherson, c'r.	Hiddenite	Taylorsville, N. C.	40	4			14		
	Taylorsville	Taylorsville, N. C.	17		18	1			
Wade McFie, cor.	Brick Church	Winnsboro, S. C.	42	1	9			4	1
	Unity	Lancaster, S. C.	81						
	Gill's Creek	Lancaster, S. C.	84						
			4374	106	146	47	145	14	131

E. E. Boyce, D. D., J. E. Pressly, D. D. { Without Charges } Gastonia, N. C. Coddle, N. C.
John H. Simpson...Assigned Tex. Presb'y. Chicota, Texas.
D. G. Caldwell.....Prof. Erskine College..Due West, S. C.
W. W. Orr.....F. A. Erskine College and Evangelist.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERY.

SALARIES.		CONTRIBUTIONS.								SABBATH SCHOOLS.				WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.		YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.	
Promised.	Paid.	Synod Fund.	Foreign Missionary Fund.	Church Extension Fund.	Miscellaneous Purposes.	Total Including Salaries Paid.	Average per Capita.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Pupils Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Contributions.	No. of Members.	Contributions.	No. of Members	Contributions.
$ 164	$ 112	$ 12	$ 7	$ 2	$ 95	$ 228	$ 2 81	$ 300	.....	4	60	40	$ 2	.....	.....	.....	.....
175	71	4	3	.....	21	99	1 40	500	.....	6	60	40	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
400	413	123	75	20	34	665	5 32	1500	.....	11	70	40	16	31	$ 93	23	.....
450	450	38	33	9	100	630	4 50	600	.....	11	110	60	.....	30	13	9	.....
.....	630	100	33	12	633	1408	10 83	20000	$ 4000	17	133	100	73	18	115	67	$ 260
400	100	70	40	10	6	226	2 22	1200	500	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	54	50
300	300	.....	16	.....	.....	316	.....	1200	.....	7	71	43	13	....	.....	.	.....
400	400	65	30	10	160	665	8 31	2500	.....	13	96	50	85	25	31	35	20
400	400	50	65	.....	185	700	3 33	800	.....	21	206	95	11	58	20	65	24
500	500	68	36	10	183	797	10 77	800	700	16	95	60	27	28	30	.....	.....
600	600	115	67	.....	118	900	11 11	1500	1000	12	120	80	18	25	45	46	27
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
450	450	100	63	15	10	638	4 19	2000	.....	13	100	75	.....	....	.....	20	.....
400	400	30	20	.....	200	650	8 55	1800	.....	7	45	30	25	13	25	.....	.....
400	400	50	45	7	3	565	8 57	1200	.....	5	35	24	10	15	25	12	10
300	292	7	.....	.....	.....	299	2 30	3500	800	10	120	60	6	14	15	29	6
150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	700	.....	3	27	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
700	200	145	82	22	858	1307	7 20	1500	1200	10	187	93	.....	20	55	60	80
600	600	100	500	15	557	1772	12 74	3000	1200	14	150	76	25	28	130	50	175
300	300	10	5	5	.....	320	3 47	2000	600	9	60	40	6	20	24	24	15
300	300	10	5	5	.....	320	2 80	1000	.....	8	170	117	6	17	13	30	15
350	354	50	35	.....	148	587	5 24	2000	.....	10	87	50	9	11	27	32	32
300	300	.....	.....	.....	70	370	2 53	1200	...	6	45	28	.....	15	15	.....	.....
900	900	192	110	30	675	1907	13 80	3000	2500	7	80	65	19	45	272	56	37
700	700	161	94	25	391	1371	6 13	3000	.....	13	77	56	28	25	62	67	45
300	277	28	22	.....	.....	327	2 55	1000	.....	14	150	100	13	.....	.....	.....	.....
1000	1000	192	110	28	115	1445	10 24	3000	2500	12	106	78	.....	23	119	66	14
700	700	110	60	.....	40	910	4 55	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	32
380	38	65	58	....	.....	503	3 20	1500	600	10	69	52	.....	35	25	25	31
200	200	25	10	5	152	392	10 65	1000	.....	4	33	25	36	9	12	16	9
200	200	6	30	8	112	410	6 61	700	.....	7	68	55	3	24	20	.....	.....
600	600	94	49	15	.....	758	10 38	.....	.....	6	63	40	.....	23	50	32	37
450	32	76	44	10	70	529	4 56	1000	.....	10	90	80	30	33	78	18	4
500	500	131	77	20	49	777	6 42	1800	.....	8	110	71	5	20	71	40	42
.....	200	15	.....	2	.....	217	10 85	2000	1200	5	35	30	.....	5	.....	15	15
.....	.....	15	5	2	196	218	7 26	.....	.....	7	52	.....	15	13	18	53	3
12	7	.....	.....	.....	8	15	1 50	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
200	200	80	.....	...	190	470	2 47	1000	.....	13	101	65	21	28	9	20	25
31	31	.....	.....	.....	10	44	1 10	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	28	.....	.....	...	.....	28	1 64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
200	200	20	.....	.....	2	222	5 27	1200	.....	3	20	18	25	10	.....	20	.....
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$14443	$14027	$2311	$1829	$287	$5391	$23945	$5 47	$74950	$16800	322	3107	1926	$529	661	$1413	1045	$1008

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J. L. Hemphill	White Oak	Moreland, Ga.	68		2	1			
E. P. McClintock	Thompson Street	Newberry, S. C.	84	2			1	1	
R. F. Bradley	Long Cane	Troy, S. C.	107	4		2	2		2
J. S. Mills	Louisville	Louisville, Ga.	41			1			1
J. S. Mills	Bethel	Louisville, Ga.	84	1		3	1		1
A. L. Patterson	Mt. Carmel	Mt. Carmel, S. C.	40		1				
*Robert Lathan, D.D.	Cedar Spring and Bradley	Bradley, S. C.	94						
O. Y. Bonner	Due West	Due West, S. C.	215	8	2	2	10	1	4
R. E. Patterson	Doraville	Doraville, Ga.	140	3		3	2	1	
S. W. Reid	Woodruff	Woodruff, S. C.	36	2	1		1	1	
S. W. Reid	Wellford	Wellford S. C.	30	4	1			1	1
C. S. Young	Orleans	Orleans, Fla.	26	13		1		3	3
R. Lee Bell	Hopewell	Snapping Shoals Ga.	83	8	2	3	1		
R. Lee Bell	Fairview	Snapping Shoals, Ga.	48	15	1			5	2
H. B. Blakely	Atlanta	Atlanta, Ga	59	8	5	1	7		
T. W. Sloan	Troy	Troy, S. C.	149	5	7	1	1	3	2
H. Rabb	Bethel	Ora, S. C.	90	1	1	1			1
H. Rabb	Providence	Clinton, S. C.	24	1			3		
H. Rabb	Head Spring	Mountville, S. C.	35	2	2	3	1		
D. G. Philips, Jr.	Bartow	Bartow, Fla	62	4	4		3	2	
D. G. Philips, Jr.	Eloise	Eloise, Fla.	24	1	1	1			
A. L. Patterson, sup'ly	Concord	Anderson, S. C.	16						
Correspondents. James Stevenson	Vacant. Generostee	Moffattsville, S. C.	40	3	1	1	19		4
S. Wharton	Grove	Moffattsville, S. C.	47			2			
	Iva	Iva, S. C.	36	7	7			2	
F. L. Morrow	Abbeville	Abbeville, S. C.	33		3	2			1
G. L. Cain	Ebenezer and Wren's	Venice, Ga	106			2	1		3
Turner Ellis	Bethlehem	Due West, S. C.	37					1	
	King's Creek	Newberry, S. C.	35			2			
J. Y. Thompson	Head Spring	Newberry, S. C.	11			1			
Joseph Hunter	Prosperity	Prosperity, S. C.							
J. C. Neel	Cannon Creek	Newberry, S. C.	96	5					
	New Hope	Dinwoody, Ga.	18						
*Deceased.			2014	97	41	33	53	21	24

W. M. Grier, D. D., L.L. D. ..President Erskine College...Due West, S. C.
W. L. Pressly, D. D .....President Theo. Seminary ...Due West, S. C.
F. Y. Pressly, D. D .....Professor Erskine College..Due West, S. C.
E. L. Patton, D. D., LL. D...Professor S. C. University.. Columbia, S. C.
C. E. Todd .....Pres. Due West F. College ...Due West, S. C.

Without Charge

S. P. Davis	Covington, Ga.
D. G. Philips, D. D.	Louisville, Ga.
J. E. Martin	Covington, Ga.
D. W. Reid	Atlanta, Ga.
D. F. Haddon	Ora, S. C.
W. W. McMorries	Newberry, S. C.
H. R. McAuley	Woodruff, S. C.
J. B. Muse	Verdery, S. C.
J. E. Johnson	Sharon, S. C.
J. J. Grier	Newells, N. C.
J. L. Pressly	Due West, S. C.

THE SECOND PRESBYTERY.

Salaries.		Contributions.								Sabbath Schools.				Women's Societies.		Young People's Societi's.	
Promised.	Paid.	Synod Fund.	Foreign Missionary Fund.	Church Extension Fund.	Miscellaneous Purposes.	Total Including Salaries Paid.	Average per Capita.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Pupils Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Contributions.	No. of Members.	Contributions.	No. of Members.	Contributions.
$ 300	$ 300	$ 70	$ 30	.....	$ 102	$ 502	$ 7 39	$ 1000	$ 200	11	65	45	.....	23	$ 24	19	$ 2
800	800	60	40	5	200	1105	13 15	1500	.....	12	53	45	$ 15	19	52	51	40
400	400	35	47	7	.....	489	4 57	2000	.....	9	70	50	3	10	15	24	13
400	400	50	50	....	400	900	21 95	3000	.....	8	50	30	62	.....	.....	24	19
.....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	40	20	.....	18	.....	.....	.....
200	200	22	20	6	.....	248	6 20	1000	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
600	367	11	.....	.....	.....	378	4 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
800	800	225	143	.....	210	1378	6 40	45	.....	17	175	140	70	40	169	57	40
300	300	40	20	.....	.....	360	2 57	800	.....	16	120	85	20	17	40	....	.....
200	237	30	15	5	98	386	10 69	500	1500	6	35	23	9	11	101	.....	.....
200	200	20	10	3	.....	233	7 76	1000	.....	6	21	20	7	12	33	14	5
100	100	.....	.....	...	5	105	4 03	1500	.....	6	36	35	10	8	.....	.....	.....
385	385	75	35	... ..	39	534	6 35	1200	.....	10	105	48	12	18	28	67	20
75	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	1 56	1000	.....	5	48	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	30	15	5	405	455	7 70	8000	.....	9	60	35	21	10	30	.....	.....
600	600	93	50	12	150	905	6 07	2000	1200	12	115	84	25	29	88	10	
325	188	65	41	.....	.....	294	3 25	1500	.....	9	65	50	.....	30	.....	20	.....
130	25	15	10	5	.....	55	2 29	200	.....	4	26	15	.....	12	.....	.....	.....
110	105	25	15	6	.....	151	4 31	300	.....	5	40	25	.....	17	.....	12	.....
300	300	32	14	5	166	517	8 33	4000	.....	7	42	30	30	21	25	.....	.....
29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
95	95	5	10	2	.....	112	7 00	.....	.....	8	43	30	7	.....	.....	.....	.....
190	190	13	14	3	.....	220	5 52	300	1500	5	30	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	129	75	39	10	23	276	2 61	3000	800	10	53	30	15	34	105	54	39
.....	74	21	10	5	31	141	3 82	800	.....	4	37	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
200	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	5 74	500	.....	4	40	20	1	... ..	.....	.....	.....
40	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	3 63	400	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....
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$7079	$7055	$1048	$620	$79	$1829	$10639	$5 27	$41100	$5200	205	1459	988	$307	339	$710	260	$156

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S. A. Agnew, D. D.	Bethany	Bethany, Miss	132	14	1	2	1	4	5	.....	$ 231
S. A. Agnew, D. D.	Hopewell	Wallerville, Miss.	104	2	.....	1	6	...	2	$ 100	100
J. W. Baird	Ebenezer	Cotton Plant, Miss.	199	12	...	4	2	7	9	500	500
T. G. Boyce	Salem	Idaville, Tenn	271	1	6	5	21	...	2	650	650
W. H. Millen	Richland	Rosemark, Tenn.	158	37	3	1	3	7	6	350	350
W. H. Millen	Brighton	Brighton, Tenn.	129	20	.....	3	2	5	2	275	.....
T. P. Pressly	Troy	Troy, Tenn	147	11	2	3	.....	4	5	500	500
T. P. Pressly	Rives	Rives, Tenn.	53	13	.....	1	.....	...	...	100	193
J. P. Erwin	Beulah	Lenow, Tenn	24	.....	.....	1	.....	...	.....	.....	7
J. P. Erwin	Mt. Carmel	Cayce, Miss.	38	.....	.....	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
	Shiloh	Caswell, Miss	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
J. G. Miller	Without Charge	Covington, Tenn.	...	.....	.....	..	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
Peter Bryson	Hebron	Atoka, Tenn.	25	1	...	1	.....	1	3	.....	12
			1260	111	12	22	35	28	34	$2475	$2531

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W. S. Castles	Mt. Zion	Okete, Mo.	110	6	.....	2	1	..	6	600	600
J. R. Guyn, cor.	Ebenezer	Mundy's, Ky.	39	1	.....	1	1	1	2	400	400
Jno. I. Marshall, cor	Hinkston	Millersburg, Ky.	25	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	350	350
James Boyce	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	69	8	1	1	.....	1	1	700	530
J. B. Spratt, cor.	Mt. Olivet	Sharpsburg, Ky.	10	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	100	100
W. A. M. Plaxco	New Hope	Point Leavell, Ky.	41	2	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	280
			294	17	1	4	2	2	9	$2150	$2260

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEN-

J. A. Lowry	Prosperity	Harrells, Ala.	82	2	2	...	.....	...	5	300	300
J. A. Lowry	Camden	Camden, Ala	66	6	.	...	.....	2	.....	300	300
H. M. Henry	Bethel	Oak Hill, Ala.	114	7	.....	...	1	5	3	600	720
J. M. White	Hopewell	McCain's, Tenn.	102	...	1	...	.....	...	1	200	157
J. M. White	Head Spring	McCain's, Tenn	110	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
I. N. Kennedy	Elk Valley	Milano, Tenn	131	2	.....	6	7	2	2	130	130
A. J. Ranson	Prosperity	Carmargo, Tenn.	170	15	1	3	.....	4	1	90	90
A. J. Ranson	Blanche	Carmargo, Tenn.	51	3	2	1	.....	1	.....	40	40
Vacancy	Salem	Loango, Ala.	30	1	.....	2	.....	...	1	75	75
J. H. Peoples	Without Charge	McCain's, Tenn.	.....	..	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
			856	36	6	12	8	14	13	$1735	$1812

THE MEMPHIS PRESBYTERY.

CONTRIBUTIONS.								SABBATH SCHOOLS.				WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.		YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETI'S.	
Synod Fund.	Foreign Missionary Fund.	Church Extension Fund.	Miscellaneous Purposes.	Total Including Salaries Paid.	Average per Capita	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Pupils Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Contributions.	No. of Members.	Contributions.	No. of Members.	Contributions.
$ 53	$ 34	.....	$ 268	$ 588	$ 4 51	$ 1000	.....	8	72	45	.....	29	.....	30	.....
23	10	4	.....	204	1 32	300	.....	7	90	55	$ 4	.....	.....	....	.....
75	71	5	335	986	4 95	1200	$ 600	18	175	105	15	35	$ 42	35	$ 25
246	140	35	260	1331	4 91	1500	1000	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	26	.....	274	670	4 24	1200	1000	18	164	101	46	17	54	27	36
18	10	2	380	685	5 31	1000	.....	14	111	55	20	36	59	34	26
45	25	.....	285	845	5 06	2500	250	11	88	47	45	38	77	40	33
56	26	.....	254	437	4 82	1500	...	6	65	34	14	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	216	223	9 70	250	.....	10	32	22	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	5	17	68	200	.....	3	25	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
$516	$342	$46	$2277	$5063	$4 72	$16650	$2850	103	822	470	$146	155	$232	166	$120

THE KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY.

90	50	11	351	1102	10 02	1200	1000	10	41	29	3	34	17	.....	.....
10	.....	.....	30	440	11 29	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	17	5	55	457	18 00	500	.....	5	17	14	.....	10	18	14	5
57	31	7	89	714	10 31	7000	.....	12	44	25	57	20	59	26	55
12	4	3	70	189	18 90	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	37	5	10	354	8 63	1500	2500	8	60	25	20	8	24	13	.....
$221	139	310	605	3256	11 07	12600	3500	35	162	93	80	72	118	51	60

NESSEE AND ALABAMA PRESBYTERY.

50	35	.....	25	410	5 00	1000	.....	8	54	40	5	25	.....	20	.....
17	10	2	60	389	5 89	.....	.....	5	60	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....
125	81	17	75	1018	8 92	3000	1000	9	90	75	20	24	$ 28	28	$ 20
.....	.....	.....	10	167	1 63	1200	800	8	30	30	10	20	22	22	15
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	40	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	43	10	103	351	2 75	1200	.....	13	106	75	10	27	21	21	2
32	14	8	141	283	1 69	1200	800	10	147	80	7	14	5	48	5
10	8	3	61	122	2 34	800	.....	3	30	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	8	83	2 76	800	.....	5	25	15	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
$309	$191	$10	$486	$2833	$3 31	$5200	$2500	64	582	360	$38	130	$74	139	$42

STATISTICAL REPORT OF

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICES.	Communicants.	Accessions. By Profession.	Accessions. By Certificate.	Losses. By Death.	Losses. By Dismissal.	Baptisms. Adults.	Baptisms. Infants.	SALARIES. Promised.	SALARIES. Paid.
S. W. Haddon	Old Providence	Spottswood, Va.	206	8	1	4	.....	1	8	$ 600	$ 405
E. E. Patterson	New Lebanon	Pickaway, W. Va.	94	.....	1	...	1	...	.....	.....	143
E. F. Griffith	Ebenezer	Monmouth, Va.	97	2	1	1	3	1	4	227	157
E. F. Griffith	Timber Ridge	Monmouth, Va	63	4	.....	1	.....	3	3	100	125
J. R. McCormick	Broad Creek	Longwood, Va.	78	....	.....	...	6	...	.....	175	137
			538	14	3	6	10	5	15	$1102	$967

STATISTICAL REPORT OF

W. L. Patterson	Richland	Eureka, Tex.	75	1	6	...	18		6	299	246
W. L. Patterson	Harmony	Eureka, Tex.	50	1	.....	1	3	..	...	200	120
	Chicota	Chicota, Tex.	65	.....	.....	2	13		.....	.....	71
Calvin Pressly	Milano	Cameron, Tex.	36	2	5	1	2		7	100	100
Calvin Pressly	Prairie View	Cameron, Tex	.....	.....	.....	...	.....		.....	.....	....
	Corsicana	Corsicana, Tex.	36	8	6	1	.....		2	.....	118
E. P. Stewart	Pleasant Point	Martha, Ok.	9	.....	.....	...	1		1	.....	.....
	Frisco	Paris, Tex.	14	.....	....	1	....		...	.....	7
			285	12	17	6	37		16	$599	$662

J. A Myers ... .
E. E. Patterson..... Pickaway, W. Va.
J. M. Little .....Deceased ..... Milano, Tex.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF

M. Oates	Pott'sSta.and Beth.	Pott's Station, Ark	114	4	1	6	6	2	2	478	478
J. L. Young	Monticello	Monticello, Ark.	46	.....	1	...	2	...	4	200	205
J. L. Young	Ebenezer	Monticello, Ark.	34	.....	.....	...	1	...	3	100	100
T. B. Stewart	Shady Grove	Orlando, Ark	69	4	2	4	.....	...	4	179	162
T. B. Stewart	Hickory Springs	Orlando, Ark	103	9	1	...	.....	...	7	275	245
M. T. Ellis	Prosperity	Wheeling, Ark	47	4	.....	...	2	...	.....	131	74
M. T. Ellis	New Hope	Wheeling, Ark	58	13	3	1	.....	2	4	175	75
G.G.Parkinson,S.S	Little Rock	Little Rock, Ark.	16	1	4	...	4	...	2	.....	.....
Vacancy	Saline	Nelson, Ark.	86	3	1	3	3	1	.....	157	172
J. C. Douglass	Zion	Russellville, Ark.	41	.....	7	...	.....	...	3	.....	.....
J. C. Douglass	Russellville	Russellville, Ark.	24	3	4	...	.....	2	.....	.....	110
G. G. Parkinson	Jacksonville	Little Rock, Ark.	18	1	17	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
			656	42	41	14	18	7	20	$1695	$1621

J. C. McDonald ... } Without Charge. } Franklin, Ark.
W. S. Moffatt..... } Wheeling, Ark.

THE VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY.

CONTRIBUTIONS.								SABBATH SCHOOLS.				WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.		YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETI'S.	
Synod Fund.	Foreign Missionary Fund.	Church Extension Fund.	Miscellaneous Purposes.	Total Including salaries Paid.	Average per Capita.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Pupils Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Contributions.	No. of Members.	Contributions.	No. of Members.	Contributions.
$ 112	$ 64	$ 16	$ 84	$ 681	$ 3 30	$ 2000	$ 1500	23	152	115	$ 23	35	$ 55	47	$ 17
20	.....	.....	30	193	2 05	1000	800	11	70	45	6	20	250	15	61
36	20	5	59	277	2 85	2000	1000	8	33	24	4	19	67	.....	5
28	16	4	17	190	3 01	1500	.....	9	64	29	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	14	3	12	191	2 44	1000	.....	8	78	33	5	16	27	20	26
$221	$114	$28	$202	$1532	$2 66	$7500	$3300	51	397	246	$48	90	$399	83	$109

THE TEXAS PRESBYTERY.

24	16	.....	.....	286	3 82	1000		7	68	44	23	11	31	25	2
24	16	.....	2	162	3 25	1000		5	30	20	6	...	.....	15	5
21	.....	.....	5	97	1 49	1000		13	70	40	12	22	89	.....	.....
17	10	$ 2	.....	129	3 66	400		.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	8	3	348	492	10 93	.....		9	55	45	35	9	46	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	8	8	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	7	7	.....	1100		6	40	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
$101	$50	$5	$363	$1181	$4 13	$4500		40	263	174	$76	42	$177	40	$7

THE ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY.

7	43	10	25	628	5 50	1500	600	19	133	83	34	16	33	.....	.....
28	17	4	55	309	6 71	1800	1100	9	49	40	32	14	42	10	14
6	4	1	22	133	3 91	450	.....	6	25	18	5	.....	.....	19	14
.....	21	.....	45	228	3 30	600	.....	9	94	58	7	21	56	24	10
35	.....	.....	50	330	3 20	.....	.....	8	52	32	11	22	26	18	1
28	16	.....	29	147	3 12	550	.....	8	50	29	4	18	9	.....	.....
10	16	.....	40	141	2 43	500	.....	7	55	30	4	13	22	.....	.....
5	5	2	54	65	4 12	1250	.....	7	40	24	21	5	21	.....	.....
47	27	.....	.....	246	2 86	.....	.....	10	97	48	21	17	.....	21	.....
13	8	2	1	24	58	600	.....	8	52	27	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	7	3	25	162	6 75	2500	.....	7	33	26	45	9	15	37	2
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
$261	$164	$22	$346	$2414	$3 67	$10250	$1700	108	680	415	$185	135	$224	129	$41

STATISTICAL TABLE OF

In the Mission of the Associate Reformed Church in Mexico for the Eccle-

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE.	Communicants.
The Gulf Station, Established in 1880.			
. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. .
Neill E. Pressly . .	Tampico Centre & Stations	Tampico, Tamaulipas . .	. .
Pedro Trujillo . . .	Iglesia de Cristo	Tampico, Tamaulipas . .	40
Neill E. Pressly / Pedro Trujillo	Pueblo Viego	Tampico, Tamaulipas . .	11
Ines Hernandez . .	El Mesias	Chiconcillo, Vera Cruz .	96
Ines Hernandez . .	†Tapa Baca	Chiconcillo, Vera Cruz .	. .
*Pablo Morato . . .	†Palo Blanco	Chiconcillo, Vera Cruz .	. .
*Pablo Morato . . .	†El Estero	Chiconcillo, Vera Cruz .	. .
*Pedro Botello . . .	El Divino Salvador	Panuco, Vera Cruz . . .	30
Pedro Botello . . .	‡Vega de Otates	Panuco, Vera Cruz . . .	.
Francisco Mellado .	Tantima	Tantima, Vera Cruz . . .	14
Neill E. Pressly / Pedro Trujillo	Las Lomas	Tampico, Tamaulipas . .	33
El Maiz Station, Established in 1888.			
. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. .
J. S. A. Hunter . . .	Sardis	El Maiz, S. L. P	25
Gaudalupe	La Colonia	El Maiz, S. L. P	. .
Rio Verde Station, Established in 1894.			
John R. Edwards . .	Rio Verde	Rio Verde, S. L. P . . .	5
			254

*Licentiates. †Membership in Chiconcillo. ‡Membership in Panuco. ||Medical Student.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY WORK

siastical Year 1895 and 1896, from October 1, 1895, to September 30, 1896.

Received on Profession of Faith.	Received on Certificate.	Deaths of Members.	Removals.	Suspended.	Baptisms – Adults.	Baptisms – Youths.	HELPERS AND TEACHERS.	Day Schools.	Pupils	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Pupils.	SALARIES PAID.		Collections.
							Mrs. Pressly . .					Neill E. Pressly.	$ 1100	
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Miss M. Boyce .	.	.	.	.	Mattie Boyce	500	. .
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	.	.	.	.	Macie Stevenson	500	. .
8	1	2	5	5	8	6	Miss M. Stevenson	1	44	5	40	Pedro Trujillo .	660	$240
6	.	.	.	.	6	1	. . . . .	.	.	1	5	C. Bason . . .	96	. .
4	.	8	7	3	.	4	C. Bason	1	18	3	44	I. Hernandez .	420	20
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . .	. .
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.	.	.	1	8	.	.	. . . . .	.	.	1	10	Pedro Botello .	360	. .
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . .	. .
.	.	2	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	.	.	1	19	F. Mellado . .	420	. .
8	.	.	.	1	8	3	. . . . .	.	.	4	16	. . . . .	. . .	. .
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Miss L. Neel . .	.	.	.	.	Lavinia Neel . .	500	. .
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Hunter . .	1	17	3	35	J. S. A. Hunter.	1000	25
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	D. Cruz	1	10	3	12	G. Cruz	300	. .
							Miss K. Neel. .					Decederia Cruz .	72	
4	.	1	.	1	4	1	Mrs. Edwards. .	.	.	2	10	J. R. Edwards .	1100	. .
30	1	13	13	18	26	15		4	89	23	191		$7028	$285

NEILL E. PRESSLY, *Missionary Statistician.*

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

PRESBYTERIES	No. of Ministers.	No. of Churches.	Communicants.	ACCESSIONS. By Profession.	ACCESSIONS. By Certificate.	LOSSES. By Death.	LOSSES. By Dismissal.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	BAPTISMS. Infants.	SALARIES. Promised.	SALARIES. Paid.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Synod Fund.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Foreign Missionary Fund.
First	30	43	4374	106	146	47	145	14	131	$14143	$14027	$ 2311	$ 1829
Second . . .	30	32	2014	97	41	33	53	21	24	7079	7055	1048	620
Arkansas . .	7	12	656	42	41	14	18	7	29	1695	1621	261	164
Memphis . .	8	12	1260	111	12	22	35	28	34	2475	2531	516	342
Kentucky . .	3	6	294	17	1	4	2	2	9	2150	2260	221	139
Tenn. and Ala.	6	9	856	36	6	12	8	14	13	1735	1812	309	191
Texas	5	8	285	12	17	6	37	.	16	595	662	101	50
Virginia . . .	3	5	538	14	3	6	10	5	15	1102	967	221	114
Tampico . . .	7	. .	254	4	. .	1	. .	4	1	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .
	99	127	10531	439	267	145	453	95	272	$30974	$30935	$4988	$3449

*This includes also contributions to F. M. and H. M.

BY PRESBYTERIES.

TRIBUTIONS.						SABBATH SCHOOLS.				WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.		YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.	
Church Extension Fund.	Miscellaneous Purposes.	Total Including Salaries Paid.	Average per Capita.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Pupils Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Contributions.	No. of Members.	Contributions.	No. of Members.	Contributions.
$287	$ 5391	$23945	$ 5 47	$ 74950	$16800	322	3107	1926	$ 529	661	$ 1413	1045	$ 1008
79	1829	10639	5 27	41100	5200	205	1459	988	307	339	710	360	156
22	346	2414	3 67	10250	1700	98	680	415	185	135	224	129	41
46	2277	5969	4 73	10650	2850	103	822	479	146	155	232	166	120
31	605	3256	11 47	12600	3500	35	162	93	80	72	118	51	60
40	486	2838	3 31	6200	2600	64	582	360	38	130	74	139	42
5	363	1181	4 13	4500	. . .	40	263	174	79	42	177	40	7
28	202	1532	2 66	7500	3300	51	397	246	48	90	399	83	109
. .	*286	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . .	23	191	. .	. . .	. .	. . .	. .	. . .
$538	$11785	$51777	$4 91	$167750	$35950	941	7663	4081	$1412	1624	$3347	2013	$1543

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